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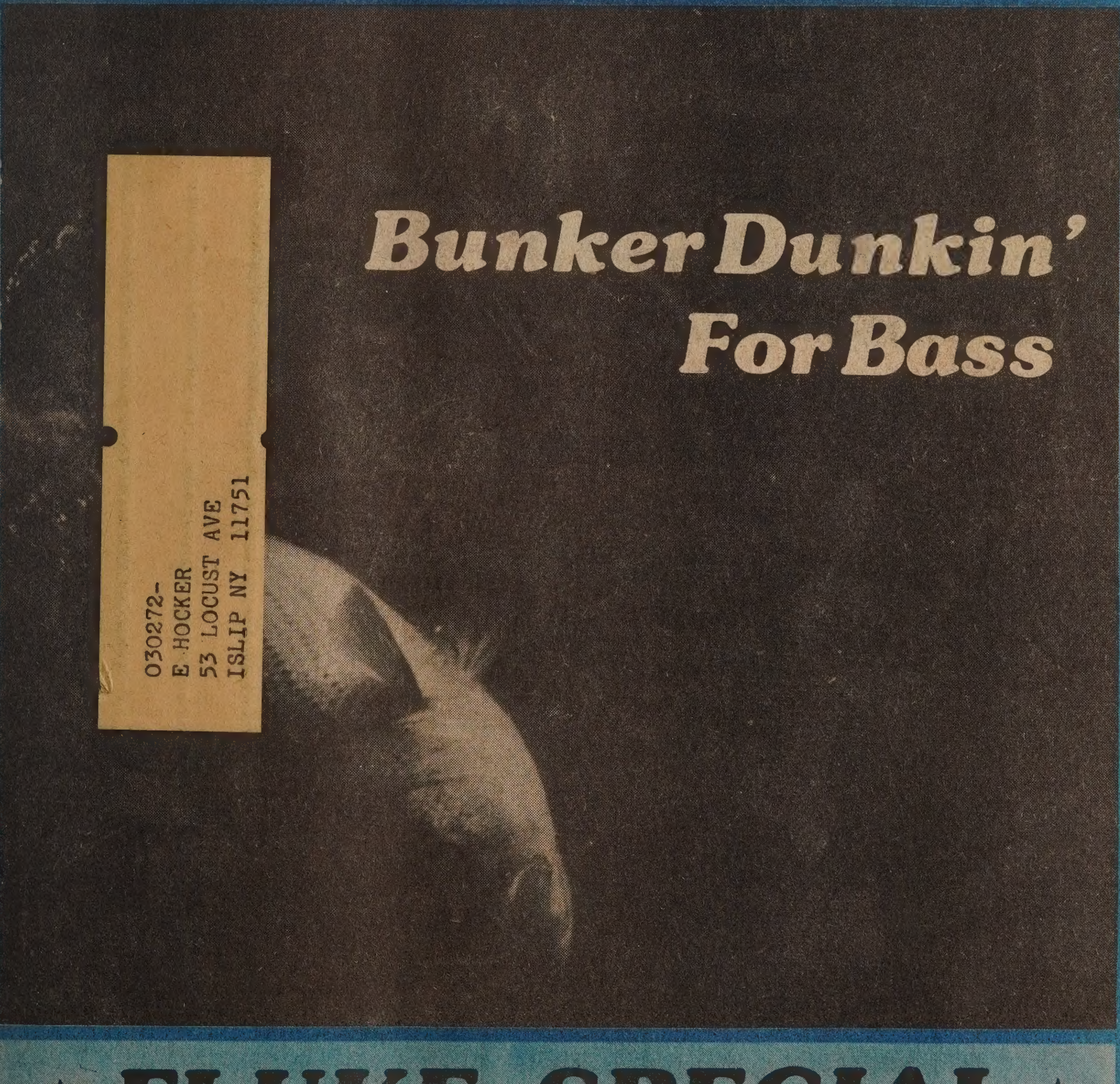

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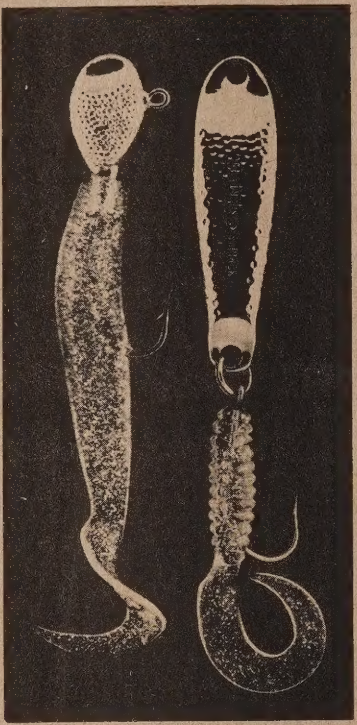

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News Releases

DEC RELEASE

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Peter A. A. Berle announced today that hearings on the Department's proposed land use regulations for tidal wetlands will be held the first week in June.

"The hearings will be an important step in implementation of the Tidal Wetland Act." Commissioner Berle said. "We are anxious to receive public comment and recommendations and are having seven hearings for this purpose."

Comments may be offered in writing or orally at these meetings. Prior written submission is recommended, but not necessary. Each hearing will continue as long as necessary to permit every person to be heard.

Persons wishing to make an oral statement may pre-register for a specific time by contacting the appropriate regional office of the Department. Records of the hearings will remain open until August 6th 1976 for receipt of additional written comments.

Written comments, submitted before or after the hearing, should be filed with Louis M. Concra, Jr. Office of Environmental Analysis, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12223.

After public comment has been received and incorporated, the revised LUR's will be published and another series of public meetings will be held to explain them. Finally, hearings will be held on the inventory of wetlands and on the maps to determine the specific category to which each portion of wetland will be assigned. The LUR's are expected to be effective by the end of the year.

Copies of the proposed rules and regulations may be obtained by mail or in person, from the following Department offices:

Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 1 Headquarters, Building 40, SUNY, Stony Brook, New York 11790. (516) 751-7900 Ext 222 Mrs. Durciansky; or Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 3 Sub-Office, 202 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York 14202.

Locations and dates of the LUR hearings are as follows:

June 2nd, Lecture Hall, Humanities Building, SUNY College at Purchase, Purchase. 2 P.M. and 7 P.M.; Suffolk City Center—Planning Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge at 2P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

June 3rd at Staten Island Community College, C Bldg. Auditorium, 715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island at 3:30 P.M. and 7 P.M.; county Executive Building, Supervisors Meeting Room, 1 West Street, Mineola at 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

June 4th at Suffolk County Center, Legislative Meeting Room, Riverhead at 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. and at Two World Trade Center, Room 4430, Manhattan at 2 P.M. and 7 P.M.

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The Babylon Tuna Club will again hold its Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tournament on July 24th and 25th at the Babylon Village Dock located at the foot of Fire Island Avenue, Babylon. The 1976 Tournament will have a Bicentennial theme with festivities planned for all entries. This premier fishing event on Long Island's south shore draws boats from all over Long Island and out of state entries as well.

The Babylon Tuna Club, as always, emphasizes conservation of our valuable Tuna stocks and only tuna of 14 pounds or more will be eligible for the many prizes. The scientists at Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institute will assist us with research tags and tagging equipment. All tuna under 14 pounds will be tagged and released. Part of the proceeds of the tournament will be donated to the Wood's Hole Tuna Research Program. All fish brought to the dock will be sold to the public with the proceeds being donated to the Association For Help of Retarded Children.

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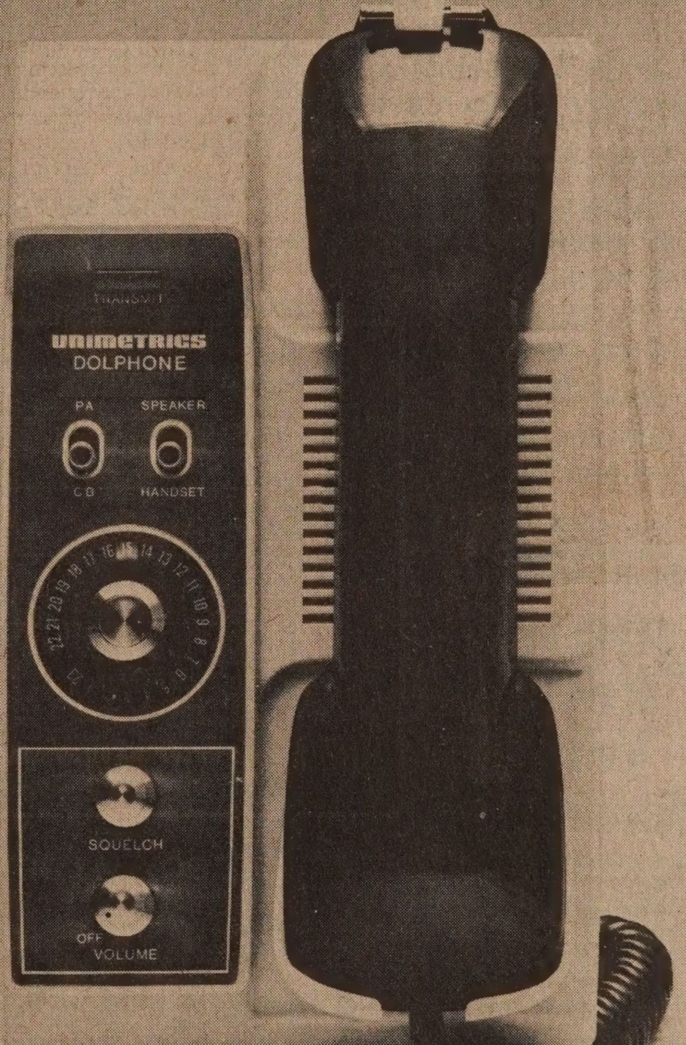

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OUTBOARD SKIPPERS CLUB

The Outboard Skippers Club of the South Shore Power Squadron will hold its monthly meeting at the American Savings Bank, Modell's Shopping Center, Hempstead Turnpike and Newbride Avenue, East Meadow on Monday June 14th at 8 P.M.. All outboarders and outboard-inboarders are invited to attend. A talk will be presented on the cleaning, maintenance, coloring, and repairing of vinyl.

FLOATING BOAT SHOW PLANNED FOR L.I. THIS SEPTEMBER

Long Island's first in-the-water boat show featuring many of the boating industry's largest and most expensive craft will be held in Lindenhurst L.I. this September, it was announced.

Exact dates for the show, which will be the largest outdoor boating exhibition in the metropolitan area, have been selected as September 23rd through the 26th. According to Mrs. Eadie Van Nostrand, executive producer of the show, an agreement to rent 300 berths and an option for an additional 300 if needed, was reached with the operators of The Anchorage Marina last April. The Anchorage, with over 700 berths, is one of the newest and most modern marinas on the East Coast.

With limitless space and a ceiling that's literally sky high, an in the water boat show brings out the bigness in boat manufacturers and dealers. Many of the power boats on exhibit, Mrs. Van Nostrand reported, will be in the 40 foot, 50 and 60 foot class. All will have fly bridges and towers afixed. Sailboats, regardless of the height of their masts, will be fully rigged.

Marine accessories such as engines, electronic equipment, fishing tackle and all water sports gear, will be exhibited in an enclosed 10,000 square foot building located on the marina pier.

An in water boat show, which affords enthusiasts an opportunity to view modern craft in their proper environment and full regalia, has long been a subject of conversation and controversy among boating leaders on Long Island. Many thought the extravagant and colorful enterprise too risky.

After 19 years as a promoter of the successful indoor Long Island Boat Show, Mrs. Van Nostrand decided that she would break with the long held notions of others and launch an outdoor, floating boat show.

Drawing inspiration from the example set by this nation's fore-fathers 200 years ago, Mrs. Van Nostrand chose 1976 as the year to bread tradition and gamble that a fall season, in the water boat show can be independently successful.

CLUB NEWS

SKUNKED AGAIN FISHING ASSOCIATION

The Skunked Again Fishing Association of Brooklyn is now seeking new members. This association of anglers goes out night fishing for bass along the jetties of Rockaway and Silverpoint, and has occasional charters to Montauk. Those interested can contact President Artie Morris by writing 2083-76th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214.

SO. SHORE MARLIN AND TUNA CLUB WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT

Iris Ruiz of Lake Ronkonkoma was the winner of the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Tournament which was recently held. The weakfish weighed in at 9 pounds 15 ounces which was taken on a pink shrimp lure in the peconics. The fish was weighed in at Hi-Way Fishing Station and took a prize of $500. Not bad! Six additional $25 prizes were awarded.

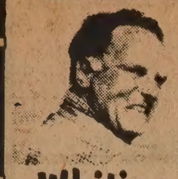
RAMS ROD AND REEL CLUB

The recent Rams Rod and Reel Club of Quincy Mass. fishing trip was enjoyed by all. Laughs were plenty from Bob Schnarr and Mike Nelson's boat, better known as the "drifters" (could not hold bottom with anchor). Also Tom Vassallo, Jr. with his seaweed shore episode and his captain Richie Gallo stuck on rocks waiting for him to finish. A good trip was had by all. Special thanks to Mike of Gormans Bar for his courtesy toward club members and guests.

MORICHES ANGLERS CLUB

The Moriches Anglers Club is sponsoring its second annual Shark Tournament on June 12th (Rain date June 13th). Entrance fee is $10 per angler. Time is 6 A.M. to 5 P.M. Cash prizes for first place, second and third place. First place shall receive 50 percent of collected funds; second shall receive 30 percent and third shall receive 20 percent.

Boats are leaving from Shoreline Marina, Foot of Union Avenue in Center Moriches New York. For more info, contact Chet Wilcox, B&B Tackle Main Street in Center Moriches, or call 878-9640. Or...Mike Cusamano, Shoreline Marina, Union Avenue, Center Moriches 878-9629.



The Casting Gourmet

Whiting Evans

General Rules For Fish Cookery; More on Smelts; Fish Gumbo

While the lilacs are blooming—meaning now in May and early June—is when the weakfish are the king for the saltwater fisherman. And yet, the same fish is available almost until November so the following word of advice is apropos. Each time you go fishing for weaks be sure to bring along enough ice so that as soon as your fish is netted you can place him in your fish box and keep him ice cold. In this way, you will keep the soft flesh of the weakfish fresh and firm and by so doing you'll find that he'll taste immeasurably better than if you don't ice him down.

The following is a direct quote from the Christian Science Monitor and the typewriter of Phyllis Hanes who reviewed the book by James Beard called "New Fish Cookery". "Some people are excellent cooks except when they cook fish. They poke at it, and keep tasting it to see if it's done. They end up by cooking it too much. If you have this problem you'll like a new simplified rule that applies to cooking all kinds of fish—and all methods of cooking it.

James Beard, author of many cookbooks and one of America's most distinguished food experts, has introduced a theory that takes the guess work out of cooking fish.

In his new book, he explains the new procedure. Developed by Canad's Board of Fisheries, it has been tested with unqualified success in Mr. Beard's own kitchens and cooking classes for the past eight years.

'No matter what kind of fish you buy (or catch) and regardless of how you plan to cook it, you can apply this rule to determine the length of cooking time. It will save time in the kitchen, money on gas and electric bills, and most of all, it will eliminate the No. 1 danger of seafood cooking—overcooking.'

Here is what you do: measure the fish at its thickest point, its depth, not across the fish. Cook it at exactly 10 minutes per inch or any fraction thereof.

The rule applies to fillets, whole fish and steaks. It also applies to baking, frying, poaching, steaming—every kind of fish preparation. If you're cooking rolled fillets, measure the diameter of the fillets after you have rolled them. When poaching fish, wait 'till it reaches the simmering point after you put it in the boiling water, then count your 10 minute per inch. In sauteing or pan frying, measure the fillet or fish and give 10 minutes or 5 or whatever it takes. In baking, cook the fish 10 minutes per inch in a 450 degree F oven. In braising, do the same thing.

The Canadian theory works equally well with fresh or frozen fish. If you are cooking frozen fish, do not thaw it, but cook the fish frozen. Instead of counting 10 minutes, simply count 20 minutes. If the fish were fresh and measured 2½ inches it would cook for 25 minutes; if frozen, for 50 minutes.

More On Cooking Smelts

Slightly more than a month ago I gave you a recipe for cooking smelts. But I've come across another recipe for cooking them which appeals to me very much. It comes from Schuler's restaurants. The smelt are fried in the traditional manner. They're just salted and coated with corn flake crumbs. It's the Herb Butter that's unique and such a nice change from the ordinary sauces one uses. Lime juice instead of the familiar lemon and the touch of hot pepper sauce makes this a real eating experience.

2 pounds pan-dressed smelt, fresh or frozen
½ cup butter or oleo
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
1 tablespoon finely chopped chives
1 tablespoon lime juice
1/8 teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce
Fresh ground pepper
1½ teaspoon salt
1 cup fine corn flake crumbs
Fat for frying

Thaw frozen fish; wash and dry. Cream butter or oleo until smooth and fluffy. Beat in parsley, chives, lime juice, hot pepper sauce, pepper and ½ teaspoon salt. Sprinkle fish with remaining 1 teaspoon salt. Roll in crumbs until well coated. Heat fat in skillet over moderate heat. Place fish in single layer in hot fat; fry for 2 or 3 minutes until brown; turn carefully. Fry 2 or 3 minutes longer or until fish are brown and flesh flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve piping hot and spoon Herb Butter over the hot fish. Makes 6 servings.

Fish Gumbo

1 pound fish fillets (almost any kind) fresh or frozen
½ cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup onion
1 clove, garlic, finely chopped
¼ cup cooking oil
2 beef bouillon cubes
2 cups boiling water
⅓ cup tomato juice
1 can (1 pound) tomatoes
1 package (10 ounce) frozen okra, sliced
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon Thyme
1 Bay leaf
1½ cups hot cooked rice (You can omit rice if you like)

Thaw frozen fillets. Cut into 1 inch pieces. Cook celery, green pepper, onion, and garlic in oil until tender. Dissolve bouillion cubes in water and tomato juice. Add bouillion and remaining ingredients except fish and rice. Cover and simmer 30 minutes. Add fish. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Spoon ¼ cup rice into soup bowls and fill with gumbo. Makes 6 servings.

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Surf Side
with John Fritz

JUNE MOON-
For Lovers And Lunkers

The month of June besides being the traditional month for lovers also gives Long Island surfmen their first shot of the year at catching some cow bass. Undoubtedly you have read many articles on how to use live eels to catch king, I should say queen sized striped bass. Most of the publicity regarding this type of fishing places the time during the fall run. Now these fish that are returning to their winter haunts in October must have taken almost the same route going south that they took in their northward migration. Agree? If not, you could be missing out on a good chance of beaching that forty you dropped last fall.

In past years I fished alone most of the time. Friends who were interested in fishing did not like the late hours and long periods of inactivity that is an integral part of surf fishing. After a few fishless nights they soon lost interest.

Since I did not belong to a club and hard worked-for secrets are not freshly dispensed to strangers, there was no one to clue me into the fact that strips of bait casted into the night time surf in June can produce giant bass. I missed several years of good fishing before I finally came up upon this fact.

My initiation occured one day in late May when Vinny and I stopped in a local bait shop in Babylon, looking for worms with which to fish the Cedar surf. Timidly, I asked for bass worms hoping to get something larger than the ''spaghetti'' we usually received. The gentleman behind the counter grumbled something to the effect, ''If you want to catch bass throw those worms away and use these in the State Channel.'' Whereupon he proceeded to a freezer and threw me a frozen mackerel.

Still doubtful we tried the Cedar Bar first with worms and came up nothing. After deciding we had nothing to lose we took off to follow the tip so generously given. In order to make a long story short, I beached four bass to 18 pounds and dropped two others. No great blitz but a heck of a lot better than we did with worms.

For three years I tried that spot in the back and never came up with anything besides sea robins. The bait worked, that was proven.

I surmised that it must be a matter of location, so back to the front. This time not to the bar at Cedar but along the beach towards the Thumb. The first night I landed a bass of 20 while dropping a larger fish. Back again the following night, a bass of 34 and releasing one of about 20. The third night, ''dark cloud'' Richie dropped me one and broke his line on another. Subsequent nights proved futile that year.

The following year was a dud for me and those I talked to. In '74 several large fish were caught. Most notable were Vito's 45 and Sal's 41 plus a few which never stopped running. Right Walt? This time the center of activity was to the west towards Gilgo. Last year we were busy other places preferring plugs to bait whenever possible.

Large bass frequent many areas during the month of June. To name a few: Breezy Point, the Rockaways, Shinnecock, Montauk and Huntington Bay. I forgot one? How about the Fire Island Inlet area. The larger bass usually follow the smaller schoolies into the surf in this area about six weeks after their initial appearance in mid-April. Whatever the reason for the delay, I watch for reports of large bass being taken by the boats off Sandy Hook. Give them a week to make their trek from there to Cedar.

Cedar Beach is not as crowded in June as during the fall run. This is probably due to the fact that so many areas of Long Island are producing fish in June. For instance, how many could pass up the fantastic weakfish action at Montauk of last year? This light-tackle fishing coupled with the added attraction of some large stripers was hard to beat. Besides this diversity of fishing locations the fishing in the Fire Island Inlet area is spread out from the Gilgo Coast Guard Station to Democrat Point. Just about any stretch of this beach has its share of out-sized stripers in June.

Generally speaking I fish high water at the bar or down towards Gilgo. When the water drops off too far I fish the pockets around the bar or move east and try the Old Channel towards the Thumb. This is no hard and fast rule because there are variables, such as surf, sweep and weed conditions. At times the open surf is too wild to hold bottom, in order to save the day you can move to the sheltered waters of the Old Channel. The bars opposite this stretch of beach reduce the impact of the waves producing reasonably calm water. When the weed condition is bad, this area is fishable during slack water, which occurs about two hours after high and low tide.

I realize not all of you have Babylon Town Buggy Permits so you will not have the mobility of the residents. Check your sea conditions and tide and choose a spot to which you can walk from the parking field. I am assuming that the Overlook

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As with most bass fishing, this is basically night fishing, although I have caught some big blues around the bar in mid afternoon. During the swimming season you will have to give this bar back to the bathers. Only the scuba divers are underneath us on the Totem Pole.

Bring along your sand spike. Bottom fishing with bait using the standard fish-finder rig with a cork is the prescribed method. If you use a lantern try to remember not everyone likes it as bright as day.

Do you really want a relaxing evening in the soft warm breezes of approaching summer? Take along a lawn chair. Be careful not to become lazy in your easy chair, especially if you fish after a hard day's work. You might not actually fall asleep but from personal experience I don't tend to those small details as carefully as I should when loafing in a chair. Little items such as checking the bait or removing the weed. You can't catch fish without bait and if the weed jams your rod tip you'll be backing into the dunes trying to land a fish.

I have fished with a buddy who actually did fall asleep in his chair. I won't mention any names though. OK Vito? How many guys do you know who have fallen asleep while sitting in their buggies? The two instances I recall, both anglers woke up to find their rods gone. Luckily the rods were recovered, one without the fish and one with a nice fish in the 20's still on the line.

One way to beat this is to take your wife along. A nice balmy night, portable radio, some gin and tonic. Who knows you might just pack the rods in and give me your spot. No way? At least she can watch your rods while you catch a few Z's.

Some of this may sound corny but the point I want to make is, if you want to catch big bass you will have to put in long hours and lose a lot of sleep. Anything that makes it easier and pleasant for you will keep you on the beach longer. I know we can all take punishment but you will tend to hang in their longer if you are comfortable.

The baits most often used are mackerel chunks, bunker strips, and skimmer clams. If you can obtain fresh bait it is better than using the frozen substitute. I realize that the vast majority of you do not have a reliable source of the fresh item, I don't myself. It's something I'll try to work on in the coming season.

The frozen bait when thawed out presents some problems. The flesh tends to fall apart and it doesn't stay on the hook. In a previous article I mentioned winding thread several times around a lose bait to hold it in place. Some friends I've watched would do a

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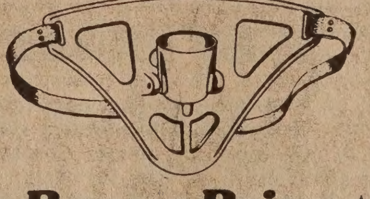

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Spring Bass At Montauk

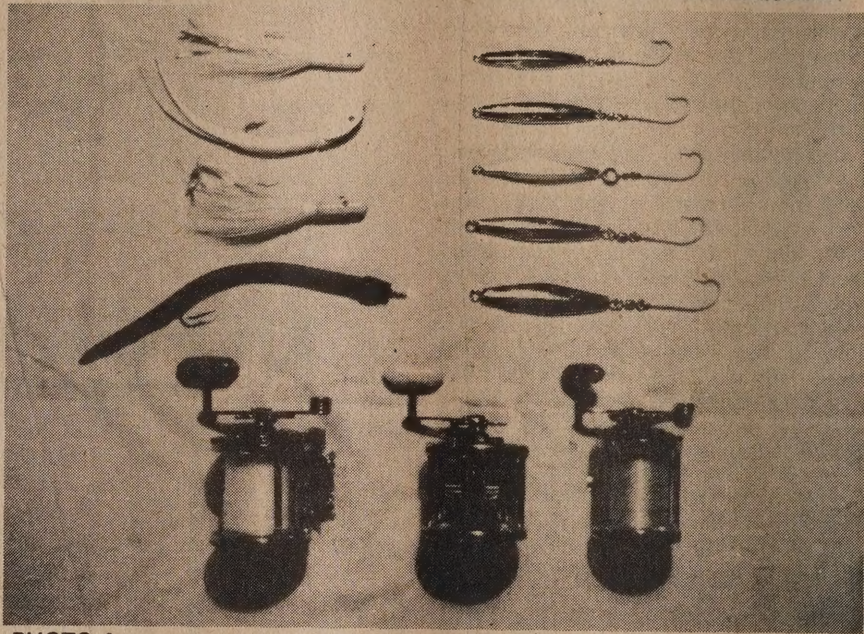
While we were winding up our series on weakfishing, the spring run of striped bass started at Montauk. They showed up in the rips around the light almost two weeks earlier to the day as last year, which shouldn't come as any great surprise—so did the flounder, weakfish, fluke and blackfish in other areas of the Island. If this years spring run is anything like last years, we've got some great fishing coming our way.

Basically, there are three differences between the spring and fall runs of bass at the point. First is the duration of each. While the fall run can last as long as six to ten weeks if the weather is stable and the water temperature doesn't drop too quickly, the spring run of fish is another story. These bass are on the move, and whatever it is that triggers their migration (water temperature, solunar conditions, bait availability, etc.) has already occured and they aren't making any overnight pit-stops anywhere along the way. In fact each day—even each tide—you'll be catching fish from a different school than the one before. This is most evident by the different colors of schools, dependent upon whether they wintered over in the Chesapeake Bay of Hudson River. One tide you may be taking fish with very black backs and distinctive stripes, and the next tide their backs will be a light greenish brown with light brown stripes.

You can figure the spring run to last anywhere from ten days to three weeks—MAXIMUM! By the time you read these words, the run will have been going on for a full week. So figure that the most you have is this weekend and next to get in on the action. Charter boats are available for half day charters at the many marinas in Montauk. Getting a weekend booking may be tough this late in the game, but weekday charters are always available and the lighter the boat traffic usually makes for better fishing. Try calling one of the many charterboats in the Montauk ad section—if they can't accomodate you, the captain will usually try to refer you to another boat that has the date open.

If you have a trailerable boat that is seaworthy, you have it knocked. There are two town ramps that may be used free, but neither is worth the aggravation involved in launching. The water is shallow with virtually no drop-off, so the trailer and car wheels often have to be up to the hubs before the boat can be launched. You also can't leave the trailer parked at the ramp while you're out fishing, so someone has to drive the boat around to wherever you can find a spot to park legally. Your best bet is to use the private ramp at the Gone Fishing Marina on East Lake Drive. It costs a few bucks, but it's worth the convenience of using a decent concrete ramp with a nice drop-off and the parking is free. They also have slips if you want to make a weekend of it, and carry bait, tackle and ice for the fish on the trip home. The proprietor, Ronnie D'Albora, is one of the regulars and knows his onions, so he's a good source of information for what to use when and where.

The second major difference between the spring and fall bass runs at Montauk is the size of the fish. While the fall schools of fish are predominately "schoolies" of five to ten pounds, the spring bass average well in the teens,



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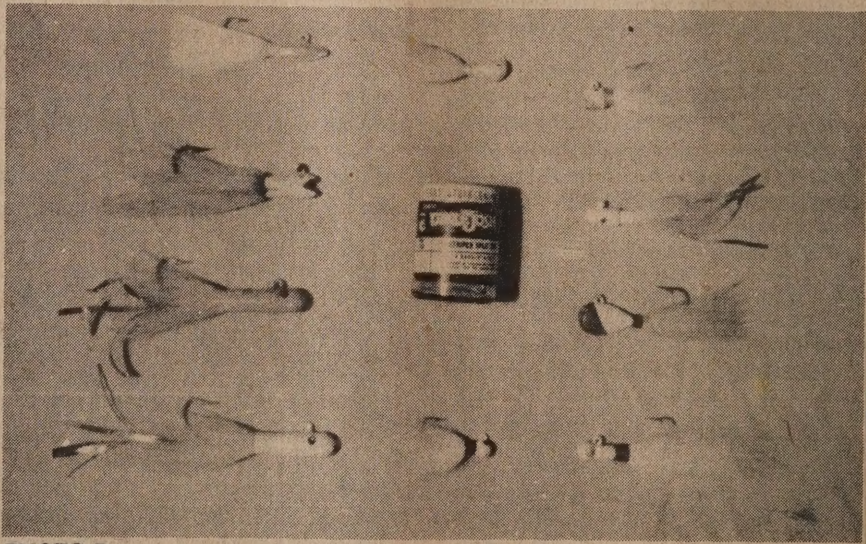

PHOTO B.

with quite a few in the twenty pound range and fish in the thirty to forty pound class not all that uncommon. Not as quite as many fish, perhaps, but considerably larger than in the fall. This time of year you also don't have the competition from the hordes of bluefish as in the fall when half the battle is to get your lure past the blues to the bass below.

The third major difference between spring and fall fishing at Montauk is the preferred tide. The rule of thumb is: "In with the spring, out with the fall". So incoming tide is preferred this time of year, but this isn't to say you won't catch any bass on outgoing water—you will, just not as many or with as much consistency. The bass are heading north around the point, so it only makes sense that they will do most of their traveling when the water is moving in the same direction and there is little resistance to overcome. When the current changes direction, the bass seem to rest and catch a second breath and usually aren't as eager to jump on a hook.

The bass can be taken now using a variety of methods, primarily trolling, squidding and casting. If you're chartering a boat, you have nothing to worry about—the captain will be doing all the brain work and will put you into the fish. But if you're in your own boat, stay away from trolling unless you have a lot of experience at it. I'm not talking about experience acquired from three or four trolling expeditions a year on the north or south shore for bluefish, either. I mean experience trolling at Montauk itself. The varying depths, tidal rips, conflicting currents, bottom formations, necessity for stemming the tide, etc make Montauk trolling an art into itself. If you don't know what you're doing, you won't catch many fish and more than likely will only interfere with the fishing of the other boats that do. But if you must troll, don't be a leech and follow the fleet, squeezing and elbowing your boat between others. Find another part of the rips to fish—there's plenty of bass to go around for all.

Diamond jigging or "squidding" for the striped bass is probably the easiest method for a private boat fisherman unfamiliar with Montauk to put fish in the boat. The diamond jig is simply lowered to the bottom and retrieved to the surface at varying speeds. Experiment a little to find which speed is best—slow, medium, or super fast. Usually the bass are hugging the bottom, so it isn't necessary to retrieve the jig all the way to the surface each time. Just make ten or twelve turns of the reel handle, then drop it back to the bottom again. Diamond jigging is done by drifting through the many rips between the Montauk Lighthouse and

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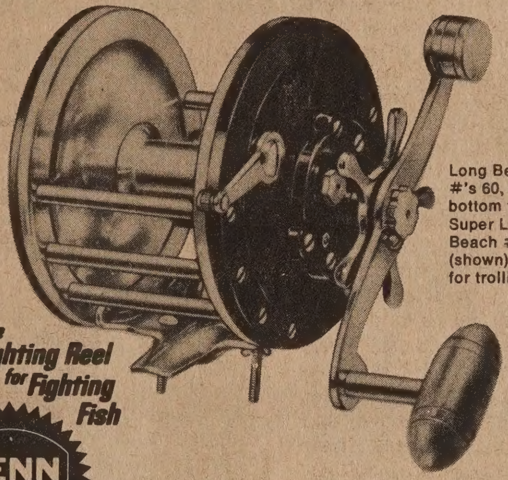

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GRASS SHRIMP

Part II

Blackfish! Most fishermen do not know it but grass shrimp is perhaps the best bait for blackfish inside the bays. Even when not chumming. As a kid in grammar school I learned that one. It was the local shoemaker who put me on to it. I wish I could remember his name. Now that I recall, I realize how helpful and kind he was. It saddens me to think he must be dead by now. He was the kind of European immigrant that brought a culture and style to this country for all of us to benefit by. It would give me great pleasure if I could take him out for a days fishing.

He told me to go around the corner to the butcher shop (this was before the supermarket took over) and take a can of sawdust from the floor. When you buy your shrimp from the fishing station in the morning, wet the sawdust with salt water and mix the shrimp in. Now you can take the shrimp up on the bridge for a days fishing and they will not die. It worked! Not only did the shrimp live but they caught blackfish better than any other bait. The only problem was the bergalls would clean you out very quickly and a lot of baiting up was required. The biggest blackfish I have seen caught in the bay were taken chumming grass shrimp. If you want the blackfish, you must chum into the bridge, not away from it.

That shoemaker would stand fast to the bridge rail and wait out those bites. By the end of the tide several good sized blacks were his. He had the patience. I would run all over the bridge covering the hot spots. That old immigrant never moved more than 20 feet and he always ended up with more blackfish than me. Funny thing was that it seemed you never saw him catch anything. But sure enough, everytime I would go by and check him out, one or two more fish were in the pail. All of a good size, the small ones were released.

Porgies are gluttons for grass shrimp. And not the small ones. I mean those big humpback guys with the dark bronze color. While discussing the merits of chumming shrimp with a friend lately, he spoke of big porgies rising to the shrimp while fishing Crow Shoals. The north shore on the east end would be the only place for big porgies. Some south shore bays have a minor spring run of spawn fish. They usually come right behind the flounders and very few are caught on hook and line.

Pureness of the sport now comes with use of tackle. Here is your chance to eliminate the drag and fish on the thumb. The majority of todays fishermen have never fished without a drag. If interested, my advice would be to use a reel that allows to fish with or without the drag. When you hit a big fish too hot to handle with your thumb you have the option to engage the drag. A small bait casting reel would be ideal. Even the rod. Penn makes a medium size reel with a level wind (for bay fishing). It does not have a free spool. When the line goes out, the handle turns. A fish that gets away from you can result in a hard rap across the knuckes. This is always good for a lot of laughs. As long as it isn't your knuckes. The reel is inexpensive and will give you a fair amount of service. The number is 109 F. There are better reels but they are not needed for this fishing Not for a start anyway. Once again, I fin the spinning reel useless for this style fishing. The method of fishing wi explain why.

A light boat rod is ideal for th fishing. That is why I suggested th complete bait casting outfit. Too heavy rod will aid in busting the line. The ligl tips absorb a lot of the pull. No mor than a 6 foot rod is needed.

Ten pound test is about right. Lighte lines will get more bites but becom unpractical. There is nothing wrong i using a heavier pound test line Unfortunately, you will find that mor bites occur as the line lightens. You ar forced into being a sportsman.

Your hook should be a 2/0 or 1/ Always short shanked. These size hook will hold 2 large shrimp, or 3 mediu sized. Try to run the first shrimp up ove the snell. Always hide the hook. Th diagram shows one style of threading th shrimp on the hook. Eagle Claw hook or beak hooks are deadly but not the be to use. Because of the offset in the hoo and always fishing into a tide, you wi never have a problem of spinning. Tr them. Try other hooks. Never forget keep it a short shank.

The best hook to use would be wrapped hook. This style of tying hook went out with World War II. You se without the snell, it allows you to run th shrimp up the hook without tearing, an killing the shrimp (incidentally, th same style of hook is great for flounder and for the same reasons). It presen the bait, what-ever, in a more life lik manner.

The rigging is quite simple an standard. Allow a 3 foot leader tied the line by a very small barrel swivel.

For this, a black swivel should be bes Then again, a chrome swivel may attra fish with the flash. Never use a lead heavier than the line The line and th leader should all be the same. The swiv is there to take out the spin and hold u the pinch on weights.

There are three types of pinch on The split shot, ear grip and rubber cor Ear grips are the best. They give th most weight in size and are fairly easy handle. These weights are placed abov the swivel leaving 3 feet of clear leade

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Avoid letting back line by free spooling. Instead, pull the line off the reel in measured lengths. This way you will know how far back the fish are and zero in their depth. By this method you do not need the benefit of multicolored line to indicate distance. Eventually you should be able to judge distance.

The fish may be close or way back. So search them out. Of great importance is the right weight in relation to distance and tide. Best bet is to use small ear grips and keep adding. Instead of one big one. Sometimes the needed weight is very subtle. If you are fishing an area where the surface flow is different from the bottom, this can set some weird patterns in weight and line behavior. Once I fished an area where the surface flow would carry off the shrimp at a fair pace. Yet, 1 ounce of weight was needed and the fish would bite under the boat. We were fishing into a pier at the time and somehow the water was backing up and when the shrimp reached a certain depth, they would back up. Your line should go the same as the bait. The weight compensates for line drag and gives you control. Generally speaking, when the fish are thick, they bite up close. When they are scarce they lay back. Competition is the cause.

I have fished behind bridge abutments where the tide ran hard and it created huge swirls. The line would go round and round straight down and find a fish. No weights. Also, I have seen where the tide would flow a normal course on one side of an abutment, and go to the opposite direction on the other. Not very far. Just in the immediate area of the bridge support. Sure enough, the bass would be on the backed up side. Swimming around with powerful strokes. Of course these are exceptions and not the familiar pattern, one of playing the line back until you find the fish.

Here is one for you die-hard spin fans. Cast the line back down tide and let it settle down on its own. If the fish are close it will work. Other than such rare times as this, you can now see why a spin reel does not suit the style of fishing. Playing the line off a thumbed down spool gives you complete control. Also more enjoyment.

Let the fish take a little bit of line, not much, just a little. The bait is small and there is no need in allowing time for him to swallow. Keep watching your line as it plays out. When you see the slack going out, swing. Sometimes, when you're not paying attention, you do not see the fish take up the line but will feel him on your thumb as the line begins to go. Always thumb lightly to avoid pressure that may cause the fish to drop the bait. Bass react to shrimp like any other bait. When they want it, they will pull you and the rod right out of the boat. Then again they can be very cute and drop that bait for any number of minor reasons. Two or three fishermen together can be better than one. With everyone trying out the weights and depths you can find the fish faster.

At what speed you play the line back is very important. If you go back too slow the line will stay up. Too fast, and you will hang the bottom. At times a fast drop back without the weight will work better than the gradual dropping back of a weighted line. Other times the fish will only hit as the line is moving back. Sometimes stationary. The combinations are endless. Experience is a positive must for any chance at perfection with this kind of fishing.

Chumming grass shrimp is a favorite

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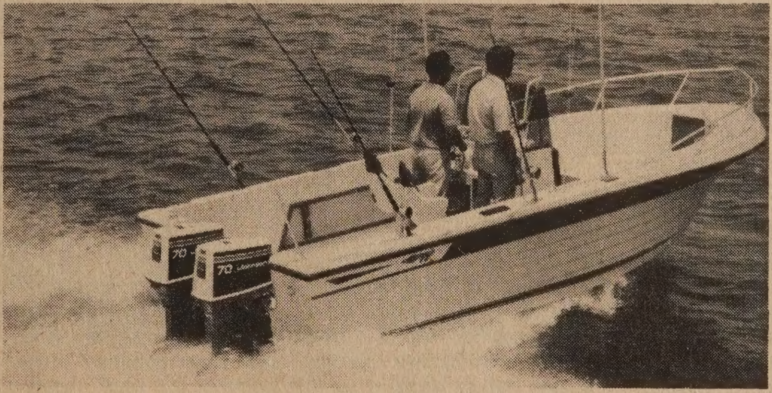

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Once Upon A Bunker-Bass

Part II-Cold Spring Harbor to Orient Point

by Dr. William A. Muller

The best bunker dunking for big bass occurs west of Eatons Neck. The scarcity of bunker out east, poor availability of boat launching sites, and low fishing pressure account for most of the difference between east-end and west-end bunker-bass fishing.

AREAS TO FISH:

It is frequently difficult to find schools of bunker outside of the harbors in the open sound. The fishermen will, by necessity, gather the bunker in the harbors and therefore, it becomes efficient and logical to learn to fish productive spots at the entrances to the harbors.

Whitewood Point: This point of land on the east shore of Coldspring Harbor is the last projection of rocks and sand before the shoreline bends to the east. This spot is most productive at night and whenever you fish there you will often have to compete with worm-trollers.

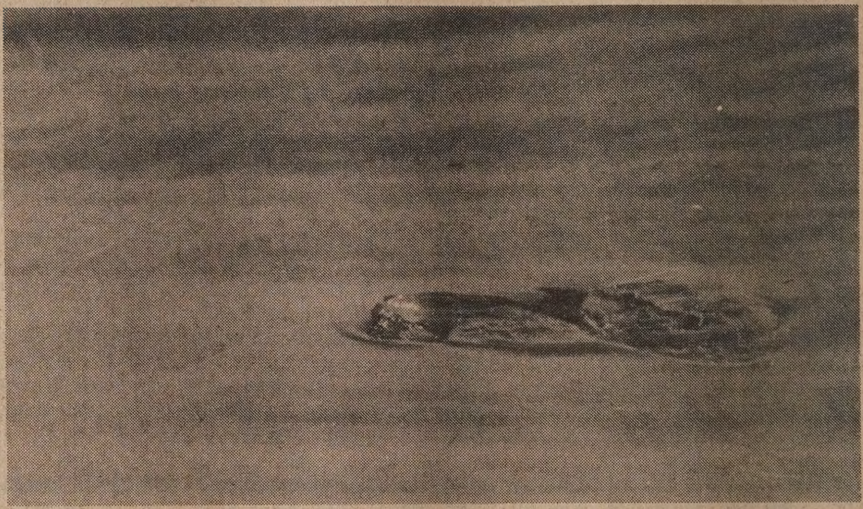
Marshall Field: Marshall field, off Lloyd Neck has become a well known ''bunker-dunkin'' spot in the past few years, but be assured that the boys have been pullin' bass out of those rocks and gentle currents for a long time.

Fishing in these waters is an excellent lesson in big bass fishing. The angler maneuvers the boat into shallow water (often less than 10 feet), fishes in quiet water, and must bring his bunker from Huntington Harbor or Cold Spring Harbor, because menhaden rarely hang around off Marshall Field.

Huntington: The waters of Huntington become red-hot in June. The bunker are very abundant in both Huntington Harbor and Lloyd Harbor and unless the bluefish become numerous too, you will have no trouble gathering a half-dozen bunker at first-light within minutes.

I have seen big bass rolling amongst the bait inside Huntington Harbor, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Usually, the big fish move about unnoticed. However, they do show up predictably at specific spots during specific stages of the tide.

Low water is usually productive in the vicinity of the lighthouse that guards both Huntington and Lloyd Harbors. The shore due north of the lighthouse can be productive around high water.



The back and tail of a big bass flashes out of the water as the fish inhales a live bunker.

If you can find the bass in the harbors so much the better. Settle down and enjoy the easy fishing before the sun climbs too high in the sky.

If heavy boat traffic puts the fish down in the harbors, or if the fish simply ''decide'' to hunt elsewhere, then the angler should follow suit. Run your boat out of the Huntington Harbor and along the west shore of Huntington Bay. The shoreline makes a sudden bend to the west. Target Rock looms out of the water ''at the bend in the road'' so to speak. This location yields many fish around high tide.

The strong currents at Eatons Neck frequently makes live bunker swimming a frustrating technique. Still, some fishermen do manage a few fish from the waters inside buoy 13C during mid-moon phases, when the currents are weakest. That is, quarter moon or half-moon periods are the easiest to fish, but anglers will have to add a 1-3 ounce drail, several feet ahead of the bait. The treble hook cannot be put in the back of the bait. Instead, insert the hook through the upper lip only.

The west side of Crane Neck produces some nice bass too, but most of the fish caught here succumb to bunker chunks or mackerel fillets drifted at night. The same is true at Port Jefferson and Mount Sinai Harbors. Although live bunker do take fish occasionally around and in these harbors, other baits such as live eels and trolled worms seem to be more successful. Most of the big fish are taken at night and therefore, the easy dawn and dusk fishing is replaced by the need for well tuned boat handling and navigational skills.

I must confess to a lack of intimate knowledge about the beaches east of Mount Sinai, but I have known fishermen who drift a variety of live baits out that way. One of the problems is the lack of harbors between Mount Sinai and Mattituck Inlet. Only small boats can be launched from beaches, therefore, car-top aluminum boats are favored for the June bait fishing. The ''tin-boats'' are launched at Wading River and from many small town beaches along this empty stretch of shoreline. Since large bunker have not been abundant out east until last year, most fishermen prefer eels and mackerel.

Some ''bunker-dunkin'' is done around Mattituck, although it is not the favorite bait. However, the preference for live bunker picks up sharply at Orient Point. The east-end locals collect the live baitfish from gillnetters who, for some time, have provided the bait to fishernen for the price of a courteous request.

The bunker are drifted between Orient oint and the lighthouse as well as in the hallow water immediately to the west of rient Point.

Now you have a general rundown of he areas where big bass fall to the oily aitfish. Specific up-to-the-minute infor-nation can be obtained from local bait nd tackle stores, the fishing reports rom the Long Island Fisherman, and the utdoor columns of local newspapers, uch as Frank Keating's column in the ong Island Press.

Homework is always the least appetiz-ng part of any enjoyable undertaking, ut it is very important. If you do not ake the time to learn the techniques, spots, approaches, seasons, tides and ackle specifics, you cannot expect to atch fish.

However, if you are well studied, then you are ready for the thrill of watching a fish, that may weigh up to 50 pounds, beat up and swallow your bunker. Hopefully, that bunker will have a hook in it.

It was a foggy June morning last year, and our party of 4 found the bunker at the entrance to Huntington Harbor. There were bass under the bunker too, but with so many baitfish, the prospect of fooling the bass was nil. We collected 10 bunker (5 in each live bait-well) and headed out toward Marshall Field. We tried many spots, but we had no takers. We were running out of time—it was 8:30 A.M. and the sun was getting higher. From time to time we lost baits, and rigs to bluefish, but the bass were not hungry.

We began to realize that we would be losers today and we settled back to easy conversation and a little hot coffee to counteract the effects of the morning chill.

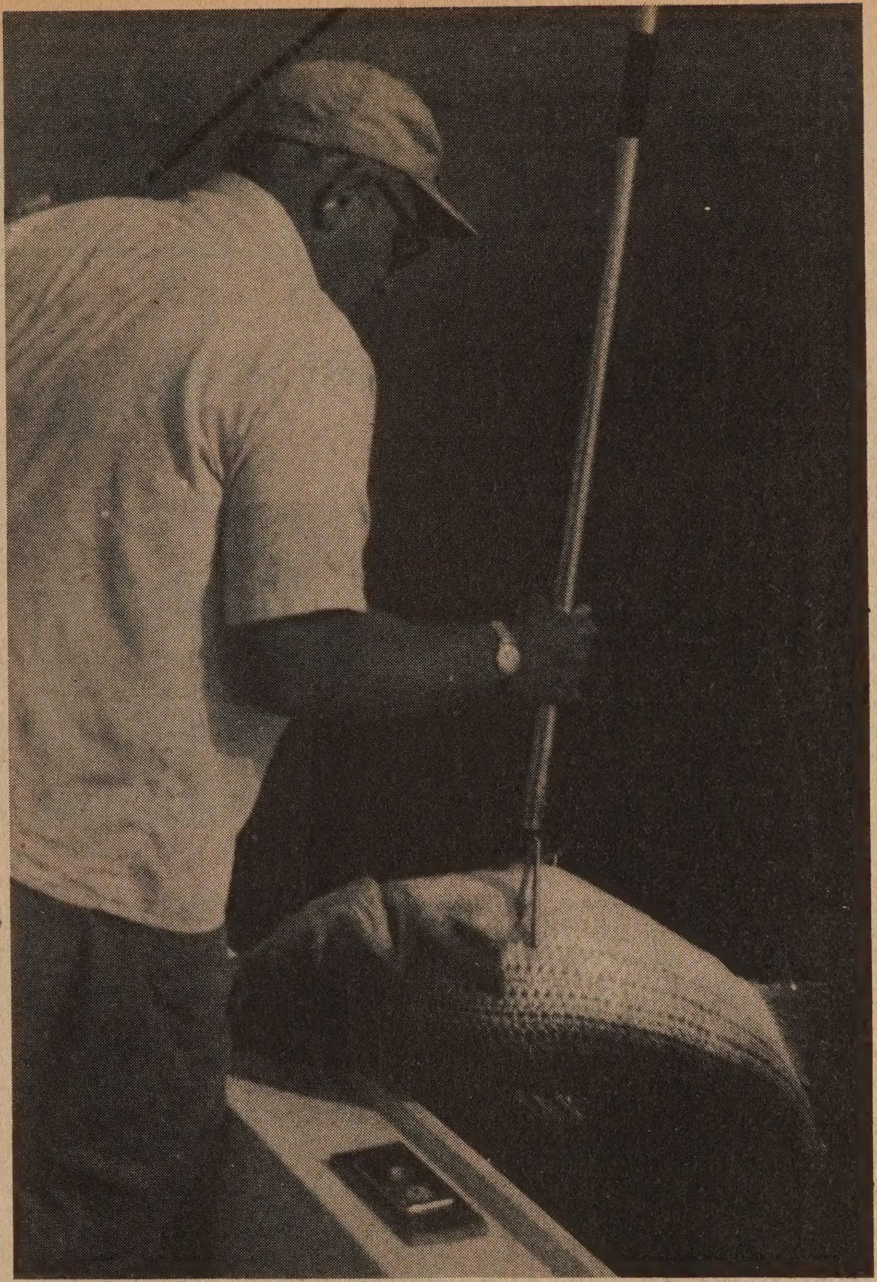
The four bunker swam merrily about. Occasionally, one of us would take a peek at the baits, hoping that one or more would begin the frantic surface flapping that indicates a bass is on the stalk. Alas, each bunker made its tour around the boat in peaceful abandon.

Somebody told a joke and four anglers laughed heartily. At that exact moment the 4 baits were within 10 feet of one another, and a bass of 40 pounds exploded on one of the 4 baitfish. The crash of the tail of the bass on the water contrasted against the total stillness. The big broad tail thumped down on the bunker 4, 5, maybe 6 times so quickly that we were still laughing when the last stunning blow was dealt.

Two of us began to realize what was happening and tried to follow the monofilament lines from the rod tips to the bunker.

"Hey, look at that," someone shout-ed. "What the hell's going on?" was the answer of another anonymous someone.

Now, you have to understand that the commotion was taking place less than 5 feet from the boat. There wasn't a breath of wind and each time the big tail hit that baitfish, it sounded like a 22 rifle going off and the spray of water showered us.



Bunker dunking techniques produce many trophy bass in Long Island Sound.

The bass turned to the left immed-iately after hitting the bunker for the last time, engulfed the bait, and sounded from the bottom. My knees turned to gelatin as I witnessed the spectacle.

"Who belongs to that bunker?" I screamed and my voice cracked.

We were unable to determine which bait had been engulfed. With each piece of newly elapsed time the monofilament lines became more snarled. One by one, each of us picked up the slack and tried to set the hook and each time the line did not go tight. One of the trebles came back to the boat without a bunker. C'est la vie!

Sometimes the victory belongs to the bass, but at other times victory is the joy of the angler and 3 or 4 feet of stripes will decorate the bottom of the boat. We live for that moment of truth when the fisherman sets the hook. If we lean back and the rod arches toward the water, then the adrenalin will start to flow and we dream for an instant that this time we are tied tight to the fish of a lifetime.

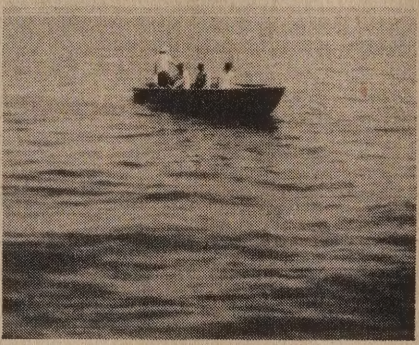
Don't kid yourself, my knees still turn to rubber and my adrenalin still flows, and that's why I know that I'll see you on Long Island Sound in June.

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

FLUKE FISHING

Part I



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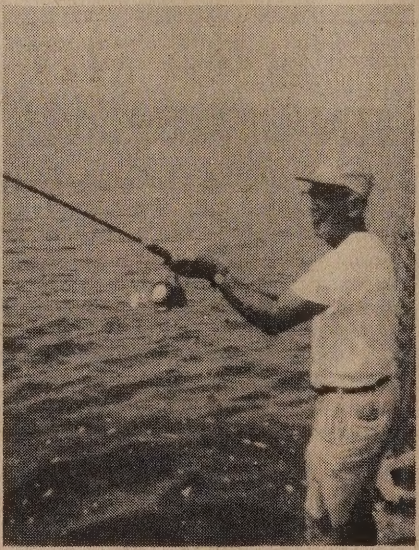
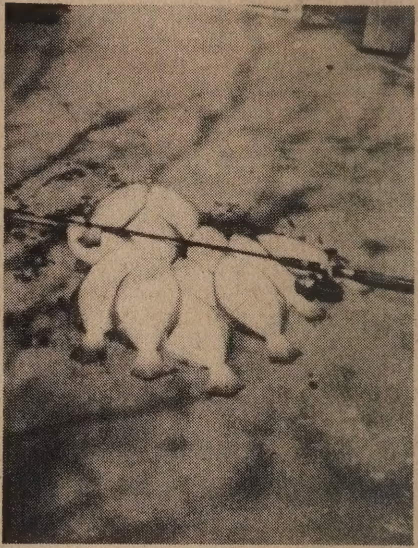


...or casting from shore,



...all it takes to catch fluke is a little know-how.

I've never known a sinker bouncer who didn't enjoy fluke fishing.

True, some anglers may prefer flounder over cod, or blackfish over sea bass and porgies, but when it comes to fluke fishing, every sinker bouncer I know makes it a point to get in on the act. Very popular, indeed, are fluke, with Long Island and New Jersey fishermen.

Why is this so? Well, I believe several factors enter into this choice. It takes skill to consistently catch fluke; by no stretch of the imagination can fluke be called easy marks for the baited hook. The beginner soon discovers fluke take a bit of finesse on his part if he wishes to succeed. Therefore, fluke present a real challenge to the sinker bouncer; matching wits with these flatties, hones his fishing skill to a fine edge.

Another reason fluke draw a multitude of anglers each summer is their ease of availability. Long hauls to the fishing grounds aren't necessary. Each summer day, shore fishermen catch their share from deep water creeks, canal bulkheads piers, jettys and breakwaters without difficulty. Fishermen in rented skiffs have it made too, for depending upon where the fishing is done, fluke are quite often found but a short distance from the fishing station.

But probably the biggest inducement of all is that experienced fishermen know their chances of catching a six or eight pounder, and larger are always good. They know the largest fluke is still down there waiting to be caught. Each summer, doormat fluke up to fifteen pounds and higher are brought in by proud anglers.

And these large fluke aren't taken just by the experienced fisherman. More than once I have seen the beginner take the pool aboard a party boat, much to the chagrin of the veteran angler.

All any fluke is interested in is that the bait be presented in a natural-like manner, and if it is, he'll take it from there.

Of all the articles you will ever read on fluke fishing, no information is as important for successful fishing than that last paragraph. Reread it, cherish and savor its full meaning and you will have no trouble catching fluke. No question about it.

When fishing the bays and other sheltered areas, medium-weight spinning tackle is ideal. When fishing where light sinkers can be used, some fishermen use a light flounder outfit with success. But I believe it's best to use the medium-weight stuff. It's quite possible to hook one fish of two pounds and follow it with one of eight or ten pounds, even in the most unlikely places. When using light stuff, the fisherman, even the most experienced, will find his work cut out for him.

When fishing around inlets, along beach fronts, and in the deeper ocean waters, and especially aboard party boats, I believe the fisherman is better off using conventional tackle. This doesn't have to be heavy codfishing type tackle, however. Half the fun of fishing comes from letting the fish zip around at the end of your line. It will try to do so, of course, but its efforts are in vain against such heavy tackle. A medium-weight outfit such as used for blackfish or sea bass and porgies will do the job nicely.

Always use a matching reel for whatever type outfit you decide to use. For bay, creek or shore fishing, fill the reel with ten to fifteen pound test mono, and for ocean fishing use twenty pound test. Be sure the reel is of good construction and all working parts operate smoothly.

While fishing, don't forget to check your reel's drag occasionally. You'd be surprised how many large fluke are lost each year due to drag mechanisms that bind at crucial moments. This is usually caused by encrusted sand or salt, but it matters not what causes it, the results can often be disastrous. Last summer while fishing near Shinnecock Inlet, I watched helplessly as one of the largest fluke I've seen in years was lost this way by a nearby shore fisherman. A word to the wise is sufficient.

As with all bottom fishing, rigging for fluke is no problem. There is only one thing the fisherman should keep in nind: stay away from the elaborate ardware. Forget the spinners, flashers, nd beautifully-colored beads. Watch he old time master fishermen for ointers, You can bet he doesn't use hose gizmos. These boys don't fool round. They take their fluke fishing eriously, and it makes common sense to mploy their methods.

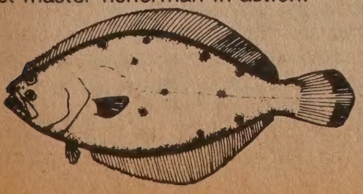
Most fishermen use a Carlisle hook for lounder. These usually run in size 3/0 to /0. The 3/0 can be used in bays where he average fluke is usually smaller than hose found in the ocean. Should you onnect with a doormat while using this ook, you'll find it strong enough to hold he fish. I think, though, that the larger /0 should be used in the ocean, specially when wreck fishing in late ummer, for it is from these offshore reas that large fluke are often caught.

As the result of many years of fishing, 've come to the conclusion that fluke can ften be one of the most exasperating of ish. Most times, fortunately, this isn't o. But I've found times that for some nknown reason, fluke will absolutely efuse to go near a bait that is anchored vith one of the long-shanked Carlisle ooks. And not only that, I've seen times when the normally jigged rig produced a ew fish. For some reason, these two onditions seem to go together.

If someone told me this before I found ut personally, I most likely would have looked at him with a jaundiced eye. But this was proven to me one day many years ago in the early thirties while party boat fishing off the Rockaways.

The party boat I was on that day was the old White Eagle out of Canarsie, skippered by that master fisherman, Connie Rank. (Any of you old-timers remember?) Fishing was slow, which was something unusual when fluke fishing those days. Remember, this was during the days when a daily catch of thirty, forty, or more fluke per fisherman was the expected thing.

My records show that until I was shown how to really catch finicky fluke, I had but four fluke in my butter tub that day. Most of the other passengers had about the same amount. But there was one fisherman in the stern who seemed to have no difficulty hooking fish after fish. I remember watching & wondering just what he was doing that made him so successful. Even then, I had sense enough to realize this fisherman wasn't just "lucky". This old-timer was charming the fish by doing something no one else on board knew about. I was unaware of it at the time, but I was witnessing my first master fisherman in action.



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Chumming For Fluke

by John V. Konior

Much has been said regarding the methods one employs when fishing for fluke. Although the primary and best known is drift fishing, and a great deal has been written on the subject, another method that often produces very successful is chumming. Quite a few years ago upon returning to the boat livery after a day of fishing on Shinnecock Bay, out in the Hamptons, I had the opportunity to compare notes with an old salt who was in the process of filleting a number of huge fluke. What surprised me more than the size was the number of large fish caught, compared to my catch which paled in comparison. Being a friendly old guy, he fielded my questions nonchalantly, with the cool confidence which comes from years of experience. I believe he must have felt sorry for me, for after cleaning his catch he let me in on a tip which I have since been using. As opposed to the standard drift method which I had used (and so were the vast majority of other fishermen that day) he picked out a favorite spot, cast his anchor and chummed for this catch quite peacefully. ''Chumming'', I asked! ''What kind of chumming?'', I continued. ''Bunker chumming, or course'', he replied, ''what else!'' To continue the dialogue at this point would be like spinning a saga, so I'll get to the point. Years have passed since that experience and chumming for fluke has indeed proven a very successful method.

Method: There are actually two methods involved when chumming for fluke. However, both involve the use of bunker if for no other reason than it is easy to obtain already ground. Other oily fish such as mackerel would also do, but unless you have your own grinder you'll have to use bunker. The first method involves a chum pot. Simply load up the pot near the stern so that the pot does not extend beyond the transom. Your baited lines, in this manner, will hit bottom astern and more importantly, when bringing in a fish, you won't be apt to get entangled with the chum pot line. Occasionally, bounce the chum pot with short motions to release the chum. But, after a half hour or so, reload the chum pot with fresh bunker, dumping the residue overboard. The second method is akin to chumming for bluefish. Dilute the ground bunker with an equal part of salt water. Ladle the chum over, repeating the process every 5-10 minutes. In this case, your lines should be allowed to drift a distance away from the stern, but more on this later.

Rigging Techniques: Depending on the chumming method employed, your fishing/rigging technique will vary. For example, when chumming with a chum pot, use a bottom rig. The rig is a modified version of the ''Florida Rig'' (see Diagram) which I described in a previous article titled ''South Shore Flounder Finesse.'' The ''Florida Rig'' as I call it, is made from an egg sinker, a snap swivel and a snelled hook. Slide the egg sinker (which has a hole drilled through it) on your line;tie the snap swivel on; attach the snelled hook, and that's it. The snell, however, should be at least 24 inches. The great advantage of this rig is that it allows the line to slide through the sinker so that the fluke, who is normally quite suspicious, does not feel the weight of the sinker when hitting the bait. To those of you who recognize it, the rig is similar to the fish finder rig which has been used by surf fishermen for years. In fact, the rig is so effective that the fluke will normally hook itself. Hook size varies with preference and size of fish being caught. I prefer to use a 3/0 Eagle Claw, without bait holder barb. Again, bait will vary so I make sure to bring along a variety, including sand eels, killies, spearing and strips of fluke belly. Note that I didn't include squid because I've found that fluke belly works better; it isn't apt to be ripped off as easily. And by the way, I don't cut up fluke for this purpose. When I fillet and skin the fluke, I just use the skin (white side) which I cut into lengths approximately 4-6 inches and one inch wide tapering to a point.

On the other hand, when ladling chum, my rigging method is quite different. In this method I employ one of two rigging techniques (see diagram). The first involves tying a hook approximately 3 feet above the sinker, and allowing the sinker to settle about 20-30 feet beyond the stern. In this manner, the hook is in the chum slick. In the second method, I tie the hook directly to the end of the line and place a split shot lead of sufficient weight to sink the line near the bottom. Fluke will follow a bait off the bottom and this method works. Hooks and baits employed are the same as for the chum pot method. The obvious question you may be asking is ''What method should you use?'' Well, let me let you on to another tip. Use both! What I've been doing is setting a chum pot and ladling. One line is near the stern, the other is 20-30 feet beyond, so there is no problem in tangling. Use whichever method proves to be most successful. One other point; you won't really be able to keep up with both methods particul-

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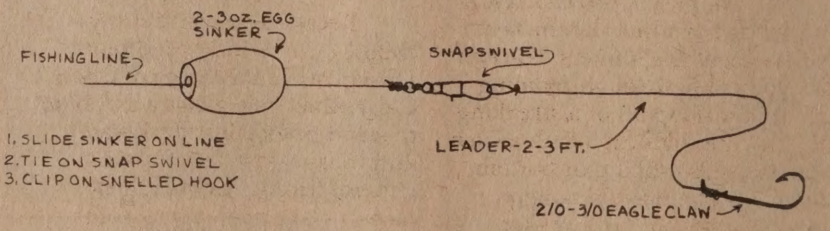
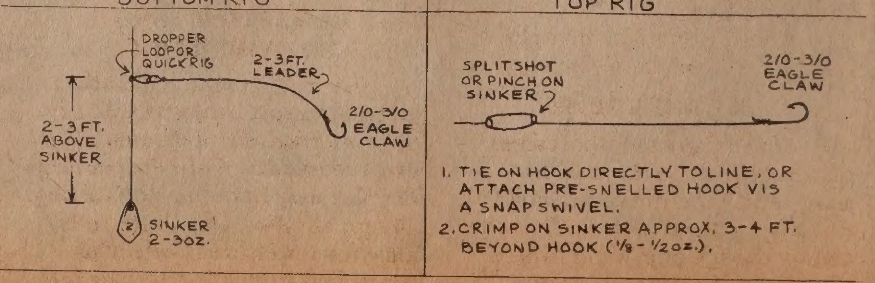


1. SLIDE SINKER ON LINE
2. TIE ON SNAP SWIVEL
3. CLIP ON SNELLED HOOK

LADLE METHOD RIGS


BOTTOM RIG

TOP RIG

1. TIE ON HOOK DIRECTLY TO LINE, OR ATTACH PRE-SNELLED HOOK VIS A SNAP SWIVEL.
2. CRIMP ON SINKER APPROX. 3-4 FT. BEYOND HOOK (1/8 - 1/2oz.).

ary if fish are biting. So unless you have our hands, or are fishing with buddies, decide on one method or you'll lose more fish than you catch (or worse still, a rod(.

Locations/Currents: As a general rule chumming is best when fishing in an area where the current is flowing slowly. Otherwise your chum slick will be long gone before the fluke catches its scent. This generality doesn't preclude certain areas where the current is swift since you may want to try the hour before, during and after slack tide, which by the way is normally the best time to fish anyway. Areas fished in should be at the edges of channels or slopes. With a depth finder you shouldn't have trouble finding them. Without a depth finder use a line marked with tape at one end or two foot intervals. As you notice the depth of water dropping, drop your anchor. Here again, this is a general rule because I've caught or have seen fluke caught in mid channels, but edges of channels and slopes have been far more productive.

Being that I dock my boat in Freeport, I don't get out east any longer, and for that matter don't find it all necessary. There are plenty of areas on the south shore close to port which yield a great deal of large fluke. My favorite areas among several are Swift Creek, State Channel (near Zach's Bay) and Broad Creek (near Merrick), depending on season and weather conditions.

Season/Weather: Over the years I've kept a record (a fishing log) which has revealed the best times of the season to employ chumming and in which locations. For example, when the fluke season just begins around May I stick with drift fishing in or around Jones Inlet. As the season progresses, say starting around mid June, I begin to use chumming and stick with it through mid August. From mid August on through September I start picking up fluke around bridges (another article), and finally drift fishing in the inlet or by inshore wrecks. But as a rule, considering the heavy boat traffic that one encounters from mid June onward, chum fishing has been my best bet overall.

Regarding chumming locations (these are my opinions and you may have better ones), mid-June to end of June: Swift Creek; July through mid-July: Broad Creek; Mid-July through mid-August: State Channel (near Zach's Bay) or the Amityville Channel (near Squaw Island.

Weather has an impact on fishing, particularly windy days. Strong winds often make it impossible to drift fish successfully, but doesn't significantly affect chumming. However, it is a good idea to set a second anchor on a windy day to prevent your boat from swinging too much (and in and out of the chum slick constantly.)

To illustrate a point let me describe a day I had recently. Granted that this is only one instance, but it is in reality truly representative. "In arriving at Broad Creek one Saturday in July, I took notice of at least ten boats of all shapes and sizes drift fishing. Pulling over to a favorite spot on the edge of the eastern side of the channel, in line with the channel marker so that I was well out of the channel, I dropped anchor in 7 feet of water. I proceeded to set my chum pot and then baited up two rods with killy on one, fluke belly on the other. While in the process, I had noticed not one fish caught. Within a few minutes I had fish on both rods. After landing each (with a net) I rebaited and had the experience repeated. In a short while I switched to one rod, and within a half hour or so had 10 fluke aboard. Before long boats began to migrate towards me, with fishermen asking what I was using for bait. "Killies and fluke belly I replied." "That's what I'm using," they replied. And still they didn't catch anything. The chum was really doing the trick, and I was getting some pretty dirty looks from some fishermen. To add insult to injury, I began picking up an occasional weakfish on the fluke belly. Needless to say this was a great day, with over 40 keeper

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Fluke From The Shore

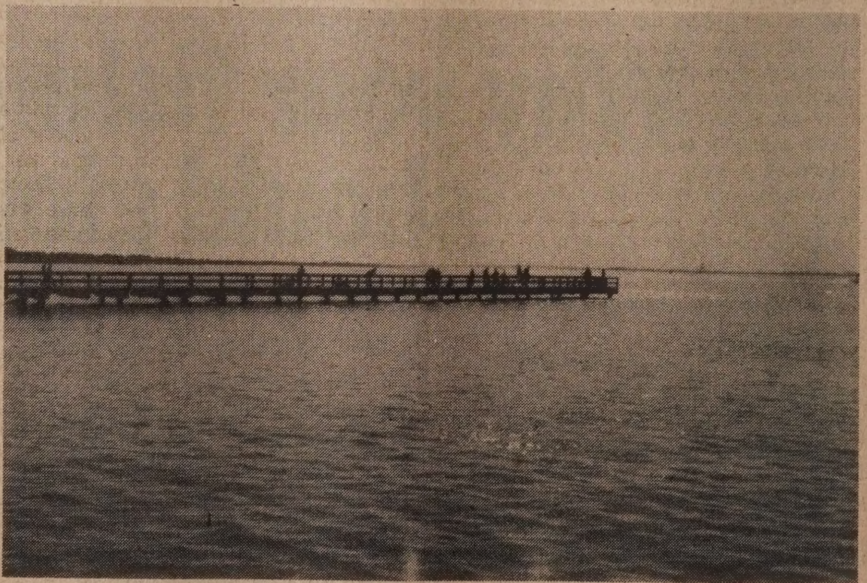
by Bruce Sucher

To my mind there are three ways to catch fluke. The first is fishing from shore, jetty or pier. The second is from small skiffs on inland waters and the third is from larger more powerful craft which concentrate on deep channels, wrecks, and rips. Various techniques and equipment can over-lap from one to the other, but on the whole their differences make each a challenge unto itself, requiring some specific knowledge and skills.

Shore fishing is probably the most difficult and you'll have to work for each of your fish. On the other hand, it is probably the most relaxing, satisfying and inexpensive way to catch fluke. Your tackle will be on the light side. I prefer a seven foot stiff action spinning rod. The reel should be a medium weight using 8 to 12 pound test line. I like to attach a shocker of 15 lb. test, about a 20 foot length by means of a blood knot to compensate for bad casts and the sudden surge of a fish that realized something is very wrong. The shocker can save a lot of rigs and lost fish and it cuts your casting distance only slightly. My preferred hook is a 4/0 Sproat tied directly to the 15 lb. test line about three feet from the hook twist on a one ounce rubber core shot. The bait can either be spearing, sand eel, or strip bait, a 3-4 inch tapered piece of squid, mackerel, sea robin or fluke belly.

Now where to do it. Throughout the south shore there are channels that lead into bays, or there are sandy beaches that border channels. Because of the presence of boats in the channels these are generally not swimming beaches and even in the crowded waters of Jamaica Bay you'll frequently find yourself alone except for the stray Heron or Egret or perhaps a worm digger. If the water is warm enough you can wade in swim-trunks, but be sure to wear something to protect your feet. Broken glass, rusted cans or an aggressive Blue Claw crab can really do a pedicure that will cut your fishing into a trip to a hospital emergency room.

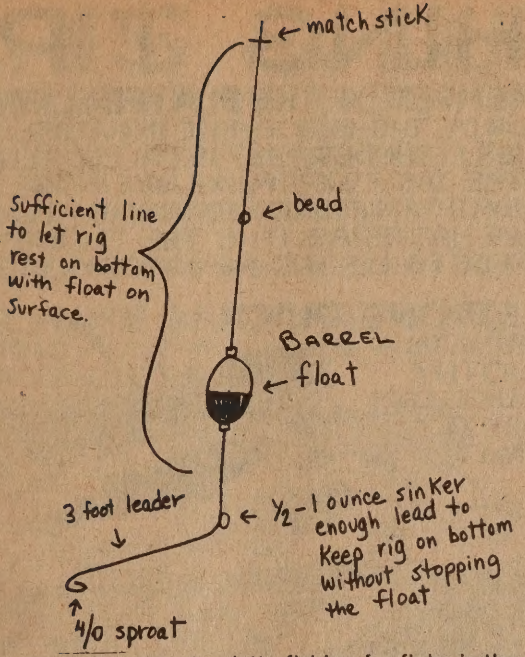
Even on the 4th of July weekend I was alone in a productive spot. The Brooklyn side near the Marine Park Bridge.



The Jones Beach pier nearest the Meadowbrook Bridge. Try the outgoing tide, barrelfloat with a killie.

Now cast out into the channel. Once you feel your sinker hit the bottom, start a slow retrieve. As you come close to the lip of the channel you will frequently feel the drag of the sinker cutting through the sand. As you clear the lip it will suddenly ease. You continue the retrieve and prepare to cast again. Hey, something cut the spearing in two taking it well before the channel lip. You stop your retrieve and the weight bucks the rod tip. You wait another two or three seconds then raise your rod tip smartly. The dead weight is alive and moving parallel to the beach. You start walking backwards reeling all the while. You near the waters edge and you can see the fish. It looks like a nice one. You gently glide it to the sand and unhook it. Just to make sure you measure it against the 14 inch mark on the butt of your rod. No, not even close; it's a nice keeper. You put it on the stringer attached to your waist and cast to the same spot. Fluke generally will lie in bands along the lower edge of the channel. Try a dozen or so casts and then move on, casting as you walk.

The fishing is usually better during the morning hours or towards dusk mainly because there is less boat traffic, but even mid-day the fish are there and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← bead
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← float
3 foot leader
← ½-1 ounce sinker enough lead to keep rig on bottom without stopping the float
4/0 sproat

though a little scarcer there are enough for your pleasure.

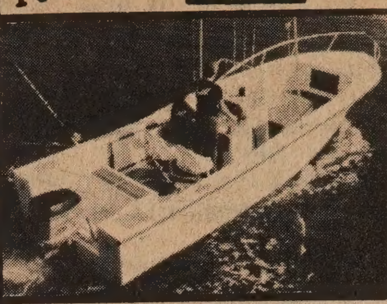
If you're a little tired from a long week and simply wish to still fish your best bet will be to use a killy hooked through the lower lip. Use enough weight to hold bottom; it will probably be more than one ounce, but no more than three. Dead bait such as spearing or sand eels will work but is more susceptible to crabs so check your bait frequently.

Pier or jetty fishing is another shore bound way of fishing for fluke. Wherever there are fishing piers there are fluke. Because there are more people to contend with and less safe space available you'll have to make a few compromises. From piers overhand casting is generally forbidden. If it isn't then it should be. A 4/0 Sproat is a pretty rough way to pierce an ear or nose. Become adept at underhand casting and then slowly retrieve your rig or...

You can use a light enough sinker so that the running tide will drag it along the bottom. Let out line frequently so that your bait will cover more ground and raise your chances of contacting a fluke. After you've let out a good deal of line, let it sit a few minutes. Then retrieve slowly. If you're fishing from piers along inland waters such as the Magnolia St. Pier or the Jones Beach Piers, your best bet will be killies. Killies are a natural bait in such areas, more so than spearing or sand eels. Walk along the shore of Reynolds Channel or inland by the State Channel near Jones Beach. What are those small fish slowly moving along the shore? More than likely they'll be killies and the natural bait of any specific area is the bait that will produce. Other baits will work but not as well.

Another dynamite method of pier or jetty fishing for fluke is the barrel float. This is almost the equivalent of having a boat in your tackle box. Its use dates to well before my time and for some reason it's been neglected. Some nameless old man on Steeplechase Pier was the first person I saw using it. Though fishing on the crowded pier, (before it burned down and was replaced by the present one) he was the man with fish and naturally he was the one I watched. His rig was simple; a Carlisle hook (I again prefer the Sproat) baited with a spearing and a strip of squid on a three foot leader of about 20 pound test. A one ounce sinker, bank or dipsy then the float, a balsa wood bead that would rise above the float until about twenty feet of line had slid through and then the bead would jam against a piece of matchstick held to the line by a slip knot. The float would then be stopped by the bead and the water being about 15 feet deep, the rig would be on the bottom being gently pulled along by the flow of the current away from the pier. The float on the surface could easily be seen. If the float stopped it was one of three things: a fluke, a crab, or an obstruction. Once the float would stop the man would wait a few seconds and then tighten his line and strike. Frequently he was into a fish. If the float went about 100 yards unmolested he would retrieve it, check his bait and start again. No casting is necessary and though polystyrene has replaced the balsa the floats are still available and used by surprisingly few fishermen. Incidentally, if you change the hook to a beak type and use a sandworm instead of fluke bait it is also deadly bass set up.

That's about it for shore fishing for fluke. If that's not your bag than maybe skiff fishing is. See you next week.



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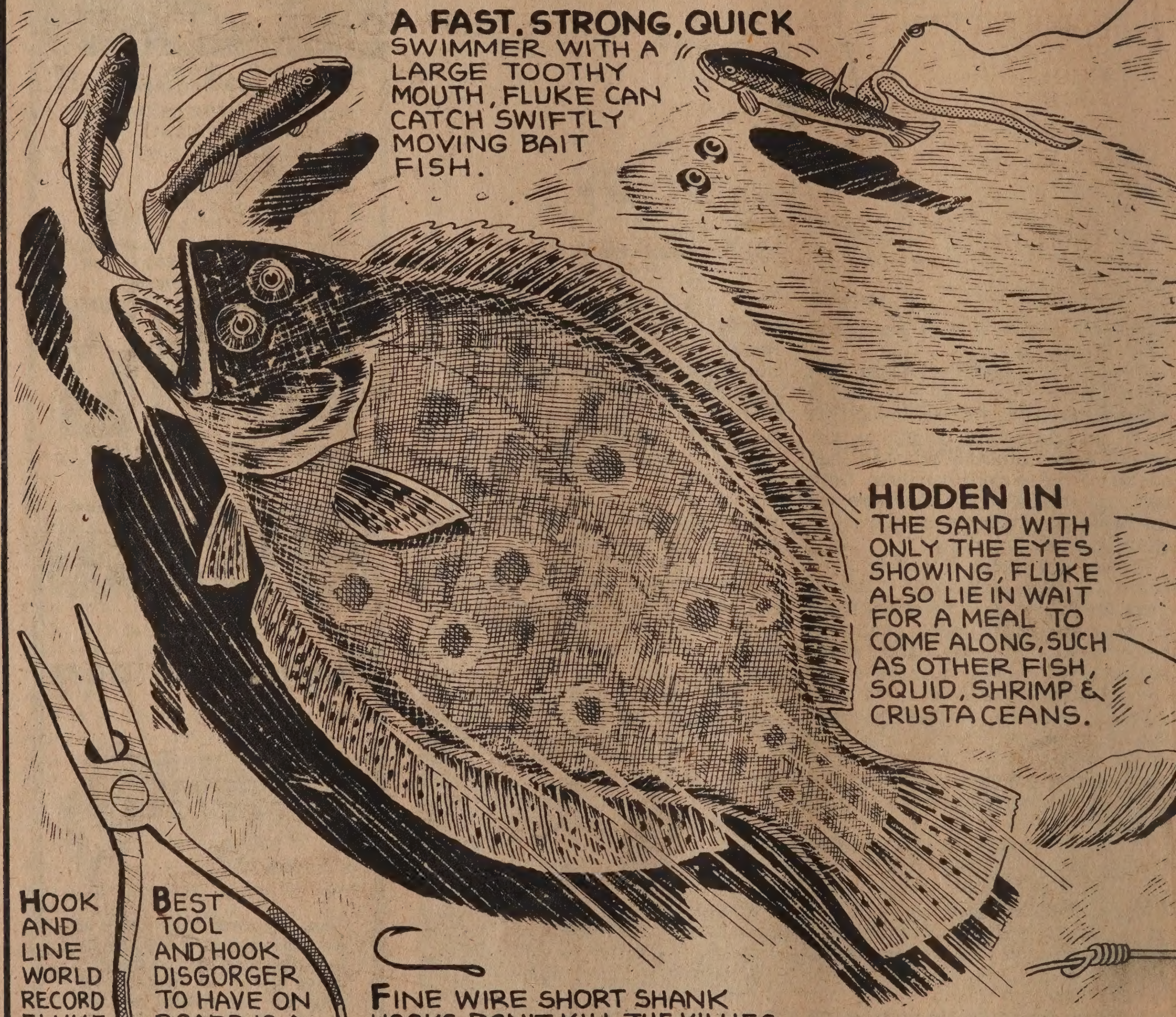

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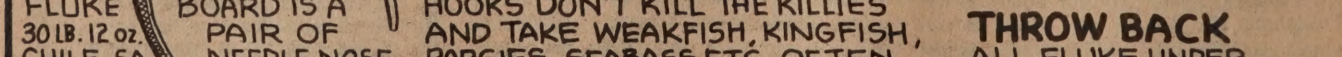

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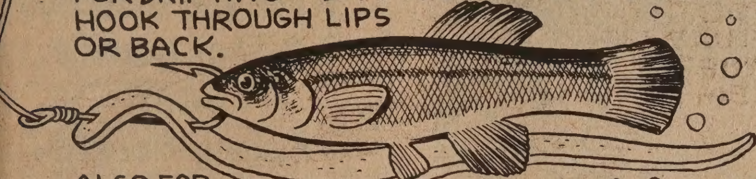

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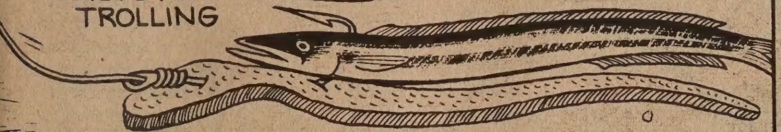

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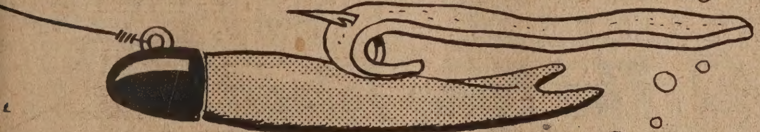

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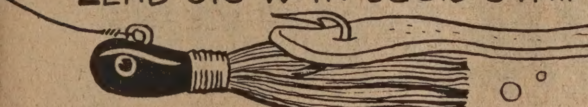

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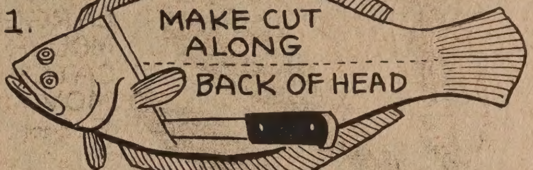

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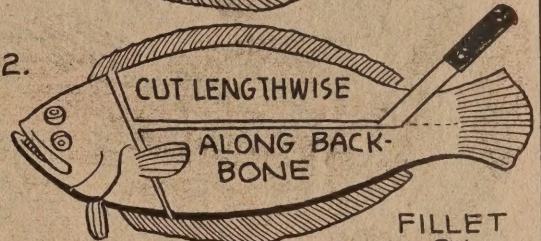

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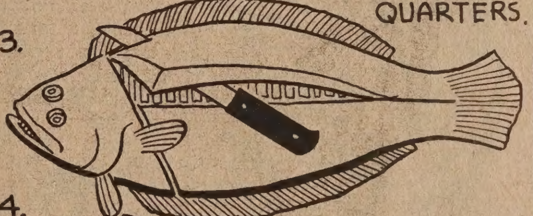

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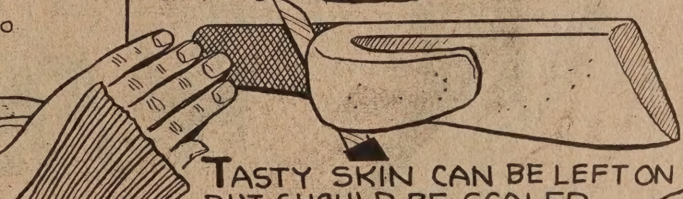

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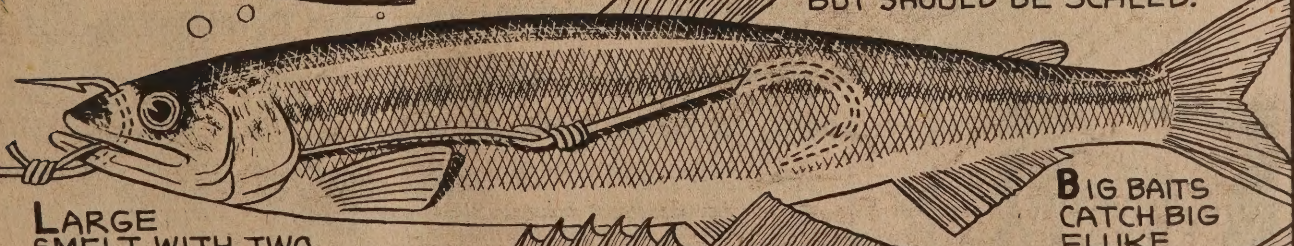

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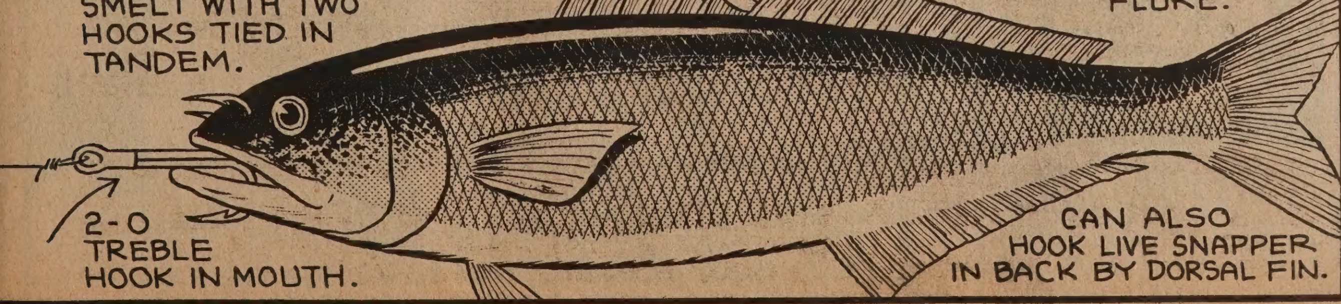

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

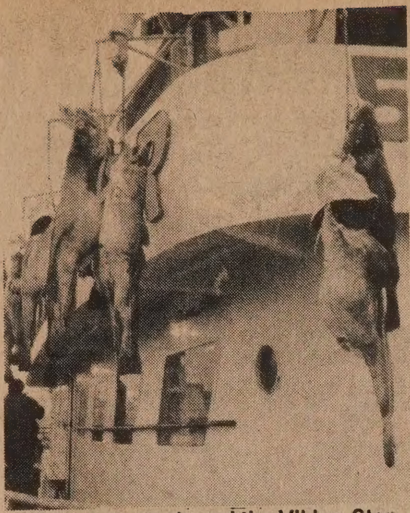
MONTAUK

Captain Les Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** called to inform us of a super Duper Nantucket Wreck Trip made on May 23rd, which consisted of perfect weather both ways and tons of fish. Les had to make a few moves on the same wreck to get to the different pods of huge cod, pollack and hake which inhabited the wreck. The seas were extremely calm and people were fishing in T-shirts and no-shirts. People were hot from the sun and the action. The largest cod was 64 pounds and 8 ounces and took the $545 pool for Richard S. Orevec of Easton PA. There were several 60 pound fish and all the pollack were big as were the hake. Les says that his next two day trip is on June 20th. This trip gave anglers 7 solid hours of fishing.

Captain Murray Homelsky of the charterboat **Cherokee** fished Montauk's Rips this weekend and found bass at Great Eastern, Pollack Rip and Shagwong Reef. Fish ran from 10 to 25 pounds. Captain Homelsky has a new boat this year which is also named the **Cherokee**, a 40 foot twin diesel with full electronics and set up for inshore or offshore work. Murray reports lots of bait in the water, several sharks sighted and small bunches of bluefish moving in through the Montauk waters.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that the codfishing was very good on Saturday. The fish were all good size, with the average ranging from 10 to 14 pounds and many in the twenty pound class. Joe Marcano of Brooklyn took the pool with a 62 lb. hake. Second place went to John Juzefyk of New Jersey who boated a 50 lb. cod. Sunday's fishing was down a little, with the pooler in the low thrities. Capt. Forsberg also reported spotting quite a few schools of large bluefish breaking water south of Block Island on the way to Coxes Ledge.

Jerry Pavlicek and Joe Kayal with their catch aboard the Peconic Queen III.



The winners aboard the Viking Star for Saturday were August Matailis, 43 lb. cod, Donald Quinn, 43 lb. cod, and Alfred Wolf, 59½ lb. hake.

Capt. Brad Glas of the **Helen II** reported that the fluke fishing has been excellent during the week and over Memorial Day weekend. Low-hook on the boat has been 3 fish, with the average catch six to eight. Hi-hook has been a dozen or more fluke. A few sea bass have also been mixed in with the catch. Best action has been on incoming water and the change of the tide, squid and spearing combo for bait. The Helen II is now sailing weekdays as an open boat for fluke.

Capt. George McTurck of the charter boat **Sportfisher** told us that the striped bass fishing has been fair. The trolling has been hot and cold, with the half-day trips taking from 5 to 25 fish each. Best areas for trolling umbrella rigs have been around Great Eastern and the Elbow. The fish have been hitting sporadically during both tides. The water is unbelievably loaded with sand eels and the bass are keeping their bellies full, so they haven't been feeding with a vengeance. But this situation could change at any time.

Johnny Keller at the **Lake Montauk Marina** reported that the bass fishing has picked up at Great Eastern and around the Elbow. Trolling umbrella rigs with small tubes and Diamond jigging is producing bass averaging 8 to 12 pounds on both tides. Best striper of the weekend was a 23½ pounder that fell to a Diamond jig. Sea bass fishing has been the best in years, according to Johnny. The fish are all over - - the Pocketbook, Outer Shagwong, Inner and Outer Frisbee's and down at the New Grounds. Fluke have been making a good showing in the North Rips. On Saturday, Stu Borker took 25 fluke to 5½ pounds.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that the sea bass fishing on the south side has been the best in the last 10 or 20 years. The fish are all good size with a good number of jumbos mixed in. Some anglers go home with 50 to 60 fish. Flounder, blackfish, cod, pollack, hake and even an occasional porgy is mixed in the catch.

PROMISED LAND

Flounder fishing remains fairily good at Tobaccolot and at Eastern Plains Point at Gardiner's Island according to Art Brand at the **Promised Land Fishing Station**. Two to three dozen fish up to three pounds are generally caught and a few blackfish are mixed in with them. The bait consists of mussels and clams. A few porgies have showed but no run as of yet. The weakfish have come as close as Three Mile Harbor.

SHINNECOCK

Altenkirch's Fishing Tackle reports there are fluke and small blues of 1½ pounds out at the inlet. Fluke are being taken on live killies and sand eels and squid. Striped bass from the beach have been rather scarce but Ponoquogue Bridge has yielded up several using bucktails or Red Fins. Fluke are in the canals and the bays and there are more keepers than shorts. Most run to 19 inches. The Peconic has been slow for weakfish and porgies during the day, but bluefish at night has been pretty good.

Capt. Clark Bellows Sr. of the **Capt. Clark Boats** reported that the weakfishing slowed down considerably during the

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Barry Howell caught these blackfish while fishing aboard the Grace off Riis Park. Sunscriber Club Photo.

week but picked up again on Sunday. So did the porgy fishing. Best areas have been the Middle Grounds, Jessups Neck and off Nassau Point. A 9½ lb. fluke was taken on Tuesday on a Salty Dog, and large blackfish are plentiful at the Middle Grounds. Bluefish are being taken in the area at night.

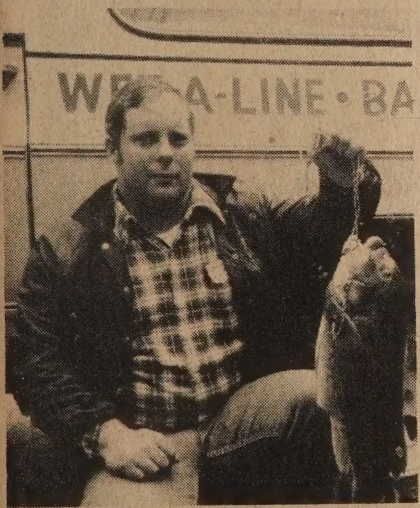
EAST HAMPTON

Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station reports nice weakfish have been caught at the So. Ferry Slip of Shelter Island. They are being taken on shrimp type lures with squid. Flounder of 2 pounds and better are being taken at Eastern Plains Point on skimmer clam and mussel chum.

HAMPTON BAYS

Frank's Fishing Staton reports very good fluke fishing in the channels. Tony Sandles and Joe Deckert took 75 fluke of 2 to 4 pounds on the incoming tide. They used sand eels and squid in the East Channel. Flounder fishing has started up again and catches of 20 big fish have been had by several people. Bloodworms were the bait to get these babies. Striped bass fishing has not come into its own as of yet.

Jimmy at **Corr's Fishing Station** says excellent fluke fishing with live killies or sand eels and squid has been had in front of their fishing station and in back of the Coast Guard Station and East Channel of Shinnecock Bay. The rise of the tide is the best time to fish for these but they will also be caught on the fall. Good blackfishing with green crabs has been had for a few boats at Shinnecock jetty. These were caught while alternatly fluke fishing. Jimmy says the weakfishing has been extremely slow in the Peconic.



Hoot Gibson caught this 7 lb. blackfish with a sandeel on a fish finder rig. The fish was caught off the dock at Robert Moses State Park. Photo courtesy of Wet-A-Line Bait & Tackle.

MORICHES BAY

Andy at **Seatuck Cove Marine** tells us of fluke fishing which has been good at buoys 38 and 39. These fish, some of which go to 3½ pounds, are being taken on sand eels and squid on most moving waters. Average catch comes to 30 to 35 per boat with better than half being keepers.

Skidmore's Fishing Station reports loads of fluke being taken at buoys 36 to 39. The preferred bait is squid with sand eels or spearing. Killies at present are slow fishing. Catches have ranged from 15 to 40 per boat with better than half keepers. They had 1 fish that went to 5 pounds this past weekend. Flounder fishing is still good at buoys 39, the C.G. Station, Harts Cove and Haven Point.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports weaks have slowed to the point where they are spotty, with buoys 17 and 19 producing best on sandworms or squid, also on spearing and sand eels. Blues are strong and getting bigger with fish up to 4 pounds being taken on the flats at buoys 15 and 17 on poppers, Hopkins and small tubes. The largest catch of the week was by Sister Carmela Lungo of Mercy Parish consisting of 26 taken in 2 hours on Blue Atoms, fish up to 4¼ pounds. Lots of fluke with a lot of midgets mixed in, keepers running from 1½ to 4 pounds from buoys 17 to 20 on sandeels, spearing and squid. A few blows and blueclaws mixed in.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports that James Lavarello took a 12 pound 15 ounce weakfish on 12 pound test at buoy 22 using just squid fished on the bottom at Ocean Beach along with a bag full of fluke, weaks and blues. This big weakfish is being submitted to IGFA. Bob Bergamini of Manhattan took a 12 pound 1 ounce weak on 10 pound test, same area, but on a Salty Dog tipped with squid. This is also being submitted to IGFA. These are the two biggest weakfish ever taken out of South Bay Fishing Station, reports Dennis Masterson. Nice catches in this area of fluke, as evidenced by 40 flatties taken by sharpshooter Joe Mafitano. Snapper blues are a little more to the west, towards the bridge. The ticket is to wait out the tide for the weaks. Running around is a waste of time. Best is early morning and evenings.

Dick at **American Sportsmen's Center** reports very good weakfish catches at Heckscher's buoy 4, up to 50 fish per boat. Fluking is very good off Ocean Beach and to the west along with blues in the 2 to 3 pound range that are hitting shrimp jigs and Twisters. 48 weaks were brought in by Victor Riva of West Sayville on Saturday taken on a rubber shrimp.

Young's Fishing Station called to say that Dan Borreli and Mike Andreycisk of Brooklyn fished Sailors Haven and ended up with 66 weaks up to 7½

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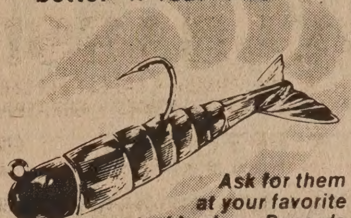

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pounds along with a healthy catch of fluke from 2½ to 3 pounds and a few smaller ones, all on Salty Dogs tipped with squid.

BAY SHORE

Karl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reports that Fred Mathews of Brightwaters and grandson fished buoy 3 in West Channel taking big weakfish on Pussy Cat lures. Two local policemen took 35 bluefish at Sexton Island running 2 to 10 pounds on 7/8 ounce Striper Swipers. Fluking is good in the inlet, 12 to 15 keepers per boat on sandeels and squid. Karl has heard of a 30 pound bass at the inshore Kismet Reef taken on bunker. Ask Karl about his weakfish contest. Another police officer took 33 weaks at West Island on Salty Dogs tipped with squid and Pussy Cats tipped with squid.

EAST ISLIP

Don at **Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle** reports lots of blues at West Island taken on Red Fins. Lots of fluke at Dickerson's channel on sand eels, and Cherry Grove is the spot for weakfish, where Danny Haggerty of Merrick put the hook to 9 of these spotted beauties on Salty Dogs tipped with squid on Saturday morning.

CAPTREE

The **Captain Ben Litwin** informs us that on Saturday, Mrs. Bertana Shimer of N.Y.C. hung a 9 pound 13 ounce fluke taken by the bridge on live killies. Mrs. Litwin reports very good fluke fishing so come on down.

The **Captain Joseph** reports great fluking when there is nice weather and fair to good fluking in poor/fair weather. They are fishing close by, in the bay, different spots at different tides, with many fish up to 5 pounds.

Junior Anglers, Steven Boderck and Gary Blair Jr.—Members of Starfish Marine's Jr. Fishing Team caught 8 lb. weakfish by Heckscher Park and 6 lb. and 8 lb. blackfish off Kismet Reef off "The Bay Hunter", 16' John Dory Sport fisherman. Team Photo.

Jason Colby, mate on the **Jennie Mae** out of Island Park called in what he said was the first striped bass surf catch of large stripers taken from Cedar Beach on cut bunker, incoming tide. These were a 41½ pounder and a 31 pounder, taken on May 24th by Jason. Bunker chum produced behind Cedar Beach in incoming for a 22 and a 28 pound bass on May 23. Jason informs us.

The **Captree Bait Station** reports fluke off all piers on sand eels, killies and squid. Blacks taken on fiddlers off the Moses Piers. Finally, blues in the inlet on Kastmasters and small Rebels. A few blowfish are being taken on clam.

Both the **Jib V and Jib VI** have been doing a very good job on the fluke in the Ocean Beach area. There doesn't seem to be as many throwbacks this year as last, fortunately. Weakfishing on the afternoon trips has been hot and cold, with fish up to 9 lbs. being taken.

Capt. George Roman of the **Captree Queen** reported very good weakfishing in the afternoon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sunday daytime was also good for weakfish. The hotspots range from West Island to the Heckscher State Park area. Fluke fishing remains very good from the Robert Moses Bridge to Ocean Beach. The fluke range up to 6½ lbs., and only about 20 per cent of the fish are throwbacks. Fishing has been with dead baits like spearing, sand eels and strip baits. Any tide.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported that the fluke fishing was good during the week. The fish are good size, average of 6 to 7 fish per man with hi-hooker usually taking between 15 and 20 keepers. Weakfishing has improved tremendously in the afternoons. The fish are all big, ranging from 6 to 8 lbs. A few fluke and snapper blues are also being taken on the pink shrimp being cast for the weakfish.

BABYLON

Bergen Point Fishing Station tells of fluke in the State Channel on shrimp jigs, killies and sand eels with the flood best. Steam boat and Dickerson's are also producing along with a few off the dock. Weaks and blues are smashing Salty Dogs on all tides and the schools are moving around. Night bass in the State Channel are being taken on trolled white bucktails down deep. Flounders in the holes for the sharpies.

Augie's Bait and Tackle tells of blue claws being very good at the dock in traps. Chris Tuito of Huntington had a half bushel. A 28 pound tilefish was weighed in by angler Dick Warkin. Blues at Steamboat channel on chum and butterfish bait have been taken. Lots of blues inshore, with bigger blues on the outside in 160 feet of water.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports lots of fluke at Fox Creek and East West Channel and towards Gilgo also on squid and sand eels, 8 to 15 per man, in the 3 to 4 pound category. More keepers this year than last year, all tides. Weakfishing is spotty. Four blues up to 2 pounds were taken and weighed in from the State Channel.

LINDENHURST

Captain Jay Porter of the **Bullet** reports that the boat is here at the Anchorage and invites all interested parties to come and look the boat over. It took 3 days with 15 foot seas from West Palm Beach to Norfolk to make the trip. Jay says the boat handled very well and they even stuck 2 swordfish on the way up. June 5th is the **Bullet's** first trip which will be for tile. The trip is completely booked, needless to say. The Coast Guard certified the **Bullet** for 96 people but the limit will be thirty on tile trips and 50 on codtrips. This should keep safety at a maximum and tangles at a minimum. Jay apologizes to those whose trips had to be cancelled due to

Jeff Grandstaff caught this 5½ lb. blackfish aboard the Capt. Whittaker out of Captree on fiddler crabs. Subscriber Club Photo.

Mark Handler of New York City caught this 13 lb. 2 oz. weakfish near bouy 4 on a Lupo shrimp tipped with squid. Photo courtesy of Wet-A-Line Bait & Tackle.

the Bullet's delayed arrival. He reminds you to get reservations in as soon as possible.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports that Mrs. Tassa of Lindenhurst had an 8½ pound blue in Babylon Cut on a Salty Hound lure. This is an outsized fish for the Babylon Cut. Joe on the "Shatzi" got a 6½ pound fluke off the Sore Thumb. Fluke are all over the bay on sandeels and squid. The best is the Coast Guard Station and the construction dock. Weakfish to 8 pounds off the Heckscher flats on squid and shrimp jigs. Joe Giolanzo of Lindenhurst took a 9 pound black by snagging it on the inshore Kismet reef while bass fishing. Nice going Joe. Big blues off the Bell Buoy up to 8 pounds.

AMITYVILLE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports very good fishing this past week. Fluke at the Copiague Beach trough Copiague up to 5 pounds along with weakfish up to 6½ pounds. Live killies and squid are the ticket off Copiague. Blues and weaks west of the Captree Bridge on Hopkins and any spoon or shiny jig around buoy 4, Dickerson's Channel, casting to schools. 17 weakfish were taken on Wednesday at Ocean Beach on Viking Shrimpies. Blacks are fair on fiddlers. Dotty Grant of Amityville had a 12 pound black at the Jones Beach piers on fiddlers. On Saturday three anglers got 80 flounder at the Sore Thumb in 1½ hours on bloodworms, in a boat. Crabs are good off the Copiague Beach on killie.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells of some bass chummed in the State Channel and also gotten on plugs, but no details available. Lon says that the fluke are throughout the bay with best bet being Sloop Channel from the 3rd Wantagh Bridge west to Short Beach on sand eels, squid and killies, with incoming water working best. Flounders may still be had and will take red clam since the flounder realize that the worm diggers in Maine are not gathering the wiggly morsels for them. Weaks are spotty but may still be found here and there. Fluking is your best bet.

Salice Boat Basin reports great flounder catches are still available, with fish now fattened to the tune of 1¼ to 1½ pounds. Squaw Island, the Massapequa Cove, and bridges are your best bet with bloodworms, if you can find them. Nice fluke activity, roughly 2 out of 5 being keepers and return the midgets. Sand eels are working best in the bays, and catches are from Meadowbrook Bridge to Jones Inlet.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells us that the Merrick Hole which is just an easy rifle shot off of Jimmy's dock is producing best on incoming in the morning, drifting for fluke with sandeels and squid. Blacks and sea bass at the bridges and Tea Wreck on fiddlers and small green crabs. Two bass were chumed at the state channel, 9 and 11 pounds on clam chum and clam on the hook. Swift Creek has been good for fluke during the week, when boat traffic is lighter. Some weakfish at the Golf Course on squid by one young angler while after fluke. He took 4 weakfish in twenty minutes. This is a first for weaks at the Golf Course. Try it.

Frank at **Merrick Marina** tells us that Ed Feret of East Bay Anglers and pal Jimmy had a 29¾ and a 25½ pound bass on live bunker on Saturday morning around 5 a.m. in the black banks area. Frank has heard of other bass taken in the morning hours also. Fluking is good in the inlet, in Swift Creek and in Haunts Creek, if you can fight the boat traffic.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports good fluking in Middle Bay and Baldwin Harbor on killies and squid with a few small blues hitting cast tins.

Tony Leotta with some flounder and an eel he caught at bouy 29 off Moriches aboard the Mona Liza out of Cerullo's on the outgoing tide. Subscriber Club Photo.

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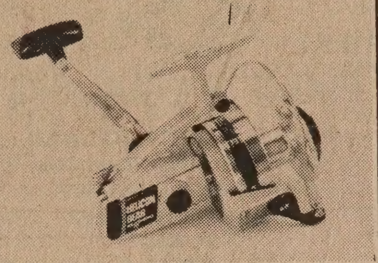

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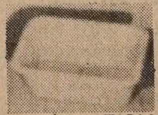

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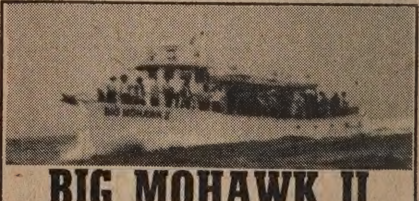

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FREEPORT

Loads of sea bass are being taken on the **Starstream II** and the fishing is just like old times. Some of these are of humpback size and an odd blackfish and some ling are also taken along with the bass.

Captain John Grimley of the **Aloma II** said that the fluke fishing has been very good in the inlets and channels. About ⅓ of these are throwbacks and fish range in size from 2 to 4 pounds. The fishing has steadied and are being taken on sand eels and squid.

The **Miss Freeport** sailed for fluke on Sunday and did fairly well. They averaged 10 to 12 keepers per man. An 11 year old boy, Wayne McPartland of Port Washington took a 6 pound bluefish while trolling for fluke.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluking good, with some days better than others. This is on sandeels, killies and squid with the best in Swift Creek. A 6½ pound black was taken on fiddler crab at the Meadowbrook Bridge and also Sea Bass are feeding on small pieces of clam and squid at the bridges. Twenty eight keeper fluke were taken on Wednesday in the inlet on outgoing water by a group of sanitation men on the boat "Tony The Tiger," on sand eels, killies, squid and fluke belly. Swift Creek is producing very well during the week when there is no boat traffic, and falls off on weekends. It is a good area this year for fluke, sea bass and flounder.

Mako Marina tells us that Tony Froitzheim took a 2½ pound flounder in Swift Creek on a clam bait this week. Fred Bosh bagged a 6 pound 9 ounce fluke plus 4 fluke over 4 pounds and twenty other keeper fluke on Saturday in Reynolds Channel at the inlet on sandeels.

Hook Line and Sinker reports a 4 pound flounder was taken by an identified angler who ran in with the fish and ran out again. It was taken off Short Beach. Fluke in the inlet with lots of midgets that must be returned. Flounder are still around for those willing to sek them out with chum.

The **Captain Lou II** has started fluking with fair results on Sunday and predicts a very good fluke season.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie III** went offshore on Saturday for sea bass and ling and did pretty good. On Sunday a sloppy inlet and sick fishermen from Vermont cut short the fluke fishing. Drifting in the channels with non fishermen produced results as to be expected.

Ed's Fishing Station says the fluke are doing very well in both Reynolds Channel and on the flats. Killies, squid, spearing and sand eels are all good baits. Ed says that the best time to fish is the last of the incoming and the first half of the outgoing tides. Flounder are still holding thier own at the CG Station and at Swift Creek. These pound and pound and a half fish are being taken on worms mostly of which Ed has a plentiful supply. Blackfish are pretty good at the wrecks and the jetties at the inlet as well as the bridges. These are 2 to 4 pound fish being taken on fiddlers and green crabs. A lot of sea bass of 1 pound and better are being taken on clams and worms at the Meadowbrook Bridge and buoys 16 and 18. One or two striped bass have come off the beach but no run has occured as of yet. A few of three or four pound weakfish were taken in 30 feet of water opposite the Lido Hotel on squid.

Art White says the **Angler II** fished inshore and on wrecks for sea bass. They also took some ling and he said the sea bass were all of good size.

Andy at **Scotty's Fishing Station** reports good catches of flounder at the Short Beach Coast Guard Station on bloodworms and mussel chum. Good fluking in Reynolds Channel with sand eels. A smattering of blues in Jones Inlet with full sized choppers southeast of the inlet in 70 feet of water. Lots of blackfish at the bridges on fiddlers and green crab.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Fishing Tackle in Lynbrook reports bluefish of 2 to 4 pounds were taken from the surf at Democrat Point and Malibou Beach near the inlet. Kastmasters and Lupon Surface Swimmers both took these fish. Striped bass fishing has been quite due primarily to weather. The jetty at the inlets and Meadowbrook Bridge hold good quantity of blackfish while the fluke in the bays are being caught in increasing quantities. Flounder are still available to those that want them at the Meadowbrook on the first of the outgoing tide at the barges by the inlet and Short Beach.

According to Clem the **Commodore** has had good fluke fishing at Debs Inlet off Riis Park and in the channels. this fishing was quite good all week with 20 to 25 keepers per man. On the weekend fishing pressure reduced this to 12 to 15 keepers. Sand eels and squid and spearing along with sea robin and fluke bellies all will be your best bet. On the outside the bellies will get you the larger fish and the pool fish has been 4 or 5 pounds.

Captain Ron Lepper of the **Kim** reports that he has been averaging 5 to 6 stripers per day fishing the Sandy Hook area off Jersey. These fish are running from 15 to 25 pounds and Ronnie says it is all on Lupo spoons. There is an

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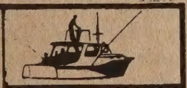

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occasional fish in the 30's. If you have been taken in the Rockaways on bait (live bunker), namely 51½ pounds and 51¼ pounds by sharpshooter Bob. The **Marlin** is still in Hatteras with a 3 week charter. A few bass were taken at Monmouth Beach until last Tuesday's blow, then it quieted down. The tip of Sandy Hook is aferding the best action now within a few miles north and south. 90 percent of the fish are hitting live bait or spoons.

LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** says the fluke fishing has been fantastic. Ralph Pergola and his buddy Andy Corcan both of Richmond Hill, took 35 keeper fluke to 4 pounds at Duck Point with live killies and sand eels. Most of Reynolds Channel is good for fluke fishing. Striped bass action has been nill and flounder action still continues but is minimal. The Silverpoint Jetty has plenty of blacks that are being taken on fiddlers.

JAMAICA BAY

Noehren's Fishing Station says the crabs have started to be taken at the North Channel Bridge. They are not bad as far as size is concerned and will increase as time goes by. A few striped bass have been taken at the North Channel Bridge and the RR trestle. Worms are needed for these fish.

Blackfish are doing well at the Rockaway Point Jetty and the Tin Can Grounds using fiddlers and green crabs. Fluke fishing has started on the ocean side of Riis Park. Sand eels and killies are the bait at present. Marine Parkway Bridge has a few blackfish.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Helen H** reports very good black and sea bass fishing. The blacks are at Long Branch and Elbarron and are being on fiddler and green crabs. They are two to 5 pounds and dedicated fishermen can get 20 to 40 fish per man while those who "dead stick it" at the rail can get 15 to 20. Sea bass are small size but good quantities if you fish for them with soft bait. Blues have been spotted and should be coming in the near future.

The **Big Mohawk** took Smitty's Tavern of Ozone Park out to Seabright on Sunday. 30 to 50 sea bass were caught per man on soft bait. A few blacks of two to three pounds were also taken.

Captain Fred of the **Amberjack IV** said their last offshore trip catch consisted mostly of pollack to 35 pounds. A few codfish up to 30 pounds were also taken. Knowledgeable fishermen took 10 to 12 big fish jigging with 12 to 16 ounce Bridgeport jigs. On these offshore trips an assortment of 12 to 16 ounce Bridgeport jigs should be taken and fishermen should be prepared to do a lot of jigging. During the week the local trips consisted of fluke, sea bass and blacks all of which are being taken in increasing quantities. This weekend offshore cod and pollack trips still has some openings. A 2 day wreck trip is in the planning stage so call Fred for more info.

Mike's Tackle says good blackfishing has been had in the local wrecks and along the Jersey shore. Sea bass are also being taken in these same areas. Sunday saw the start of fluke fishing outside of Riis Park. Striped bass fishing by private boats either bunker dunking or trolling bunker spoons has resulted in fish of 8 to 20 pounds. Romer Shoals, West Bank and Nortons Point are all productive areas. Bluefish of 4 to 15 pounds have been taken on umbrella rigs at the last 2

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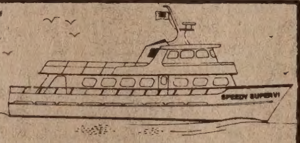

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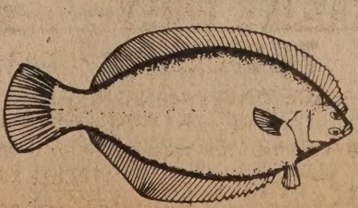
STATEN ISLAND

Hot, hot striped bass fishing started this past Wednesday according to Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop**. Annadale at present is the place. Blues are mixed in with these striped bass. Bluefish are being taken mostly on pencil poppers and regulars while the striped bass are beneath them and you will need Kastmasters or other tin to get down to them. An example of the size of bluefish that are being taken are the first three place winners in Santo's Contest. They are John Scogilone, 15 pound 12 ounce; George Corey 12 even; Pete Vordijan 11 lb. 4 oz. and not to be outdone was Frank Noto with a 16 pound 4 ounce striped bass that took a pencil popper. All of the above came from Annadale. New Dorp Beach and Cedar Grove are also good spots for this kind of action. Good blackfishing is at the Great Kills Jetty and other rocky areas. Flounder fishing is down at Great Kills Park and Princess Bay while the fluke fishing has taken its place very nicely. The usual sand eel, squid and spearing baits are best for them right now. Blue claw crabs are steady but small at Great Kills Harbor and Lemon Creek. Jumbo blueclaws have been taken at pier 17 or the barge at Tottenville.



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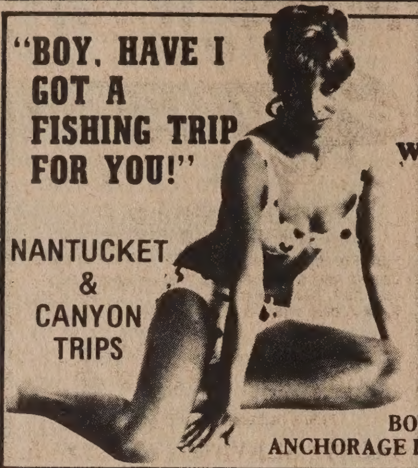

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ORIENT POINT

Orient By The Sea Marina reports ood porgy and blackfishing all week-id. The Ruins and both the north and uth shores of Gardiner's Island have een very productive. Blackfish have een taken on crabs both fiddlers and een while the porgies are hitting on orms and clams. Ray said that several rge size bluefish were taken from Plum ut by fishermen who were fishing for riped bass. Striped bass fishing in the ut has slowed.

GREENPORT

According to **Art White's Bait Shop** eakfishing has been good during the ay using shrimp type lures with squid. ight fishing for this species has been xcellent. Daytime there are a lot of orgies that are being taken on clam ait. Deep bucktailing for striped bass in e Plum Gut has been productive in the vening hours according to Art. Black-sh are in the Sound and being taken om boats or beach on fiddlers and een crabs and skimmers. The east side Gardiner's Island and Plum Island are so productive spots for the blacks. At etty's Bite flounders have been taken skimmers and mussels.

Al Ingram and Dave Gross of Brooklyn with their catch of 12 weaks up to 8lbs. 4oz. Photo courtesy of Port of Eygpt Fishing Station.

Frank Rodriguez, Ron Laskodi, Ted Gutkowski and Mark Gutkowski with their catch of 20 weakfish just west of bouy 17 on salty dogs with squid. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

SOUTHOLD

John Pellegrano of Huntington using a Lupo 2 ounce yellow Almighty Squid hun seven bass this week weighing 41 pounds, 39 pounds, 43 pounds, 17 pounds, 27 pounds and 2 21 pounders in Plum Gut. These fish were weighed in at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in Huntington.

Port of Egypt Fishing Station tells us of weakfish and some blacks which have been taken at buoy 11. Fishing at the brickyard for weaks with squid bait or Salty Dogs has been good. Porgies are at buoy 17 being taken on skimmer clams. Also at buoy 17 several little blues have been taken by the porgy fishermen. Some weaks can be had at buoys 17.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that weaks and porgies are in good supply at buoy 17 and 18 and Rose's Grove. There are still some at the South Race from buoys 23 to 34 being taken on squid bait or bucktails. Bingle Dandy lures without squid or shrimp lures with squid are also productive. Porgies are beihg taken on skimmers in the same areas as weakfish.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue says that porgies are not too bad and that the weakfish are still being taken on Rose's Grove on Salty Dogs. Night fishing in open water for weakfish have been done with Rebels. Blues of 1 to 1½ pounds have been taken in the bay on Hopkins and Rebels. None have been taken on bait as of yet. Striped bass fishing in the Sound is being done with worms on the bottom. Catches of 1 or 2 fish going to 10 or 12 pounds have been made. Blackfishing is also good in the Sound.

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Diane Zoll of Medford with two blacks weighing 8 and 9¼ lbs. These fish were taken at Callahans Beach with clams. Subscriber Club Photo.

WADING RIVER

Wildwood Deli reports that there is pretty good blackfishing using fiddlers from the beach. Top catch for their contest so far has been an 8 pound 1 ounce black. Striped bass fishing has been done with lures from the beach and the best that can be had is a couple a day that can go 8 or 10 pounds. The bass are not taking eels as of yet. There are very few flounder to be had and harbor blues are starting to show. Several have been taken but the method of catch is now known. As of yet there have been no porgies taken.

ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** excitedly told us of the really good catches of blacks that are occuring anywhere from Friendship Beach to Cedar Beach. As usual, fiddlers and green crabs are the prime bait, but squid strips are also taking these fine fish. Striped bass have been taken at Hagerman Landing Beach at dark using small Red Fins or Atoms. Humpback porgy fishing has been good while the smaller sizes have been spotty. All have been taken mostly on clam. Mackerel remains a question mark, but a few small fluke have been taken on squid strip at buoy 11.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

According to Jeff at **Ralph's Fishing Station** ; good blackfishing has been had about 1 mile off the beach at Miller Place. Either clams or crab bait can be used. There is pretty good porgy fishing throughout the general area and one boat renter from the Bronx by the name of Jimenez came in with a batch of them, 1 of which went to 3 pounds. Some flounder and fluke have been taken but catches in general have been small.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** and the **Janet C** have been averaging 6 to 10 blackfish per man. The blacks comprise 80 percent of the catch which also include seabass and porgies. On Sunday the Betty W had the Dew Drop Inn Fishing Club out and they took 150 fish to 10 pounds. Mr. Waldo was hi-hook with 18 fish.

John at **Caraftis Fishing Station** reports very good blackfishing in the rocky areas. It seems that the fish are moving off the hard bottom, and into the rocky areas such as Oldfield Point. Porgy fishing at Mount Misery has gotten much better and sea bass can be had drifting clams off Miller Place in Mt. Misery. Porgy fishermen picked up fluke on the flats off Mt. Misery and east and west of the inlet. Just a showing at

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present. Flounders have made a comeback off White Beach and Mount Misery Pt. These are 1 to 1½ lb. fish taken on clams. Striped bass fishing at the Stone House in the Harbor has brought in a few fish some to 16 pounds. Drifting and casting into the grassy area at the narrows has also been very productive.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods**, newly married and back from his honeymoon reports lots of blacks in the rocks at the Coast Guard Station and Makamah Beach. Another good spot is Hebres Wall between Eaton's Neck and Asharoken. On Saturday a lot of mackerel were taken off 11B, but no reports since then. Fort Salonga and Makamah have produced striped bass on either the Jointed Rebel or Kastmasters. Nice porgies, some of which were humpbacks were taken at Sand City.

HUNTINGTON

George at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** reports porgy fishing has slowed. It was the same for blackfish Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but Sunday saw a sudden increase in blackfish catches. Target Rock, Sand City and the Cold Spring Harbor Causeway as well as Mattinecock Pt. all were productive for blacks up to 6 pounds. Baitfishermen using squid have taken quantities of weaks by the Sewanhaka Yacht Club. Early morning and evening pluging along the Cold Spring Causeway and off Eaton's Neck and Target Rock has been very good for the striper fisherman. Worm trollers have also gotten their share of these bass in the same areas. Fluke has hade a showing off Diamond Pt. and a five pounder was taken off Callahans.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle reports very good blackfishing at Harts Island, old CBS Tower and Fort Slocum. The fish are mostly 1 to 3 pound sizes with some going 5 and 8. The usual hard baits or clam will suffice for these fish. Jack said some party boats have gone out to Mattinecock Pt. and picked up some mackerel. We don't know how long this fishing ca last. Flounders are still around at Rodman's Neck in front of Orchard Beach and off Harts Island Ferry and Ft. Slocum. Worms, if available, but they will take clams. Green split tail Rebels have taken school bass at Turtle Cove ad the old CBS Tower. Jack says that the last three hours of the incoming and the first half of the outgoing are best.

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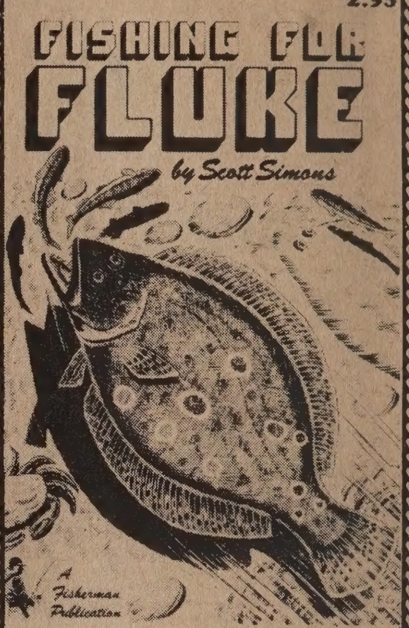

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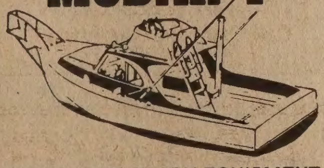

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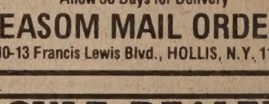

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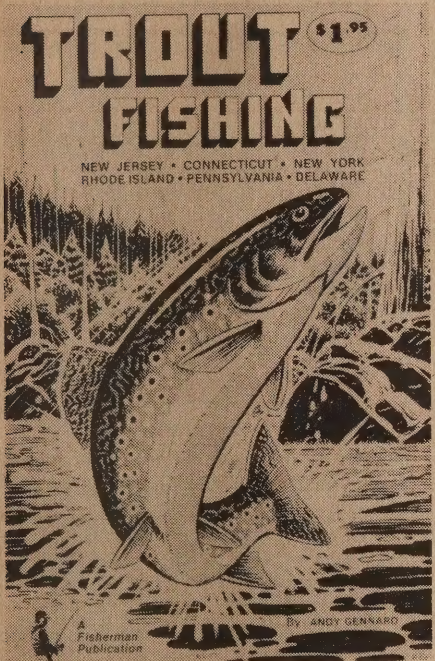
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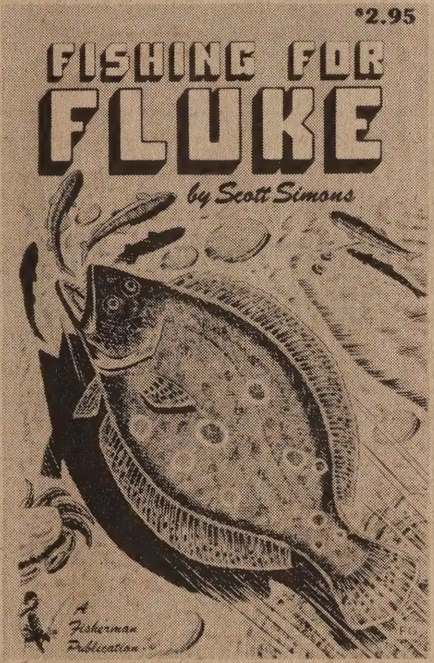
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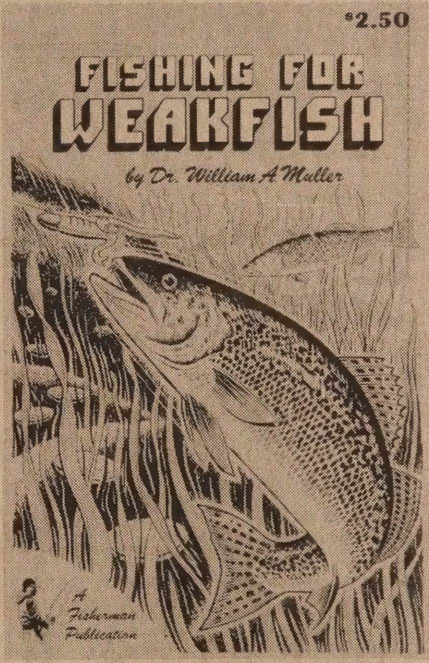
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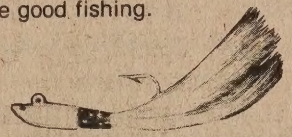
fluke (over 14 inches) with a half dozen in the three to five pound range, and 4 weakfish by the time the day was over. The only bad point, in the otherwise fine day, was that I was close to having a few boats forming a commune with my boat, where they could have almost been fishing in my boat, and a number of boats drifting right across my stern. Alas, what price success. And mind you I've caught much larger fluke too on other occasions.

Needless to say I hope I've stirred up your interest into trying the chumming method. Make sure, however, to purchase a three pound can of chum which will last through the day. If you don't use it up, bring along some plastic bags or ½ gallon milk containers and freeze the remainder. Here's looking forward to some good fishing.



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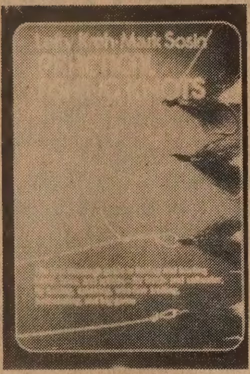

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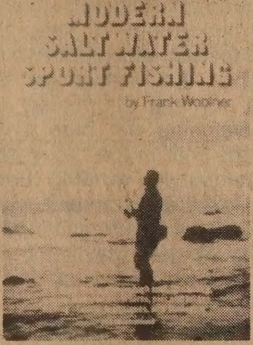

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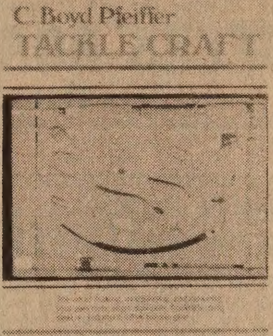

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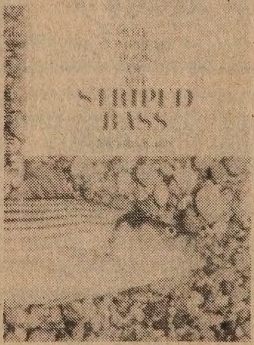

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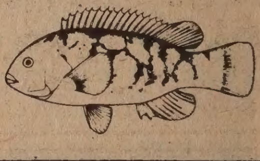
I believe a lot of fishing techniques were possibly omitted here. If there are any questions concerning the how, not the where, please feel free to write me in care of this paper. Good luck.



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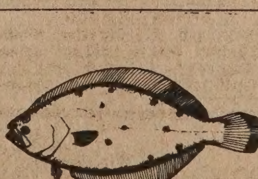

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BASS AT MONTAUK

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the Great Eastern buoy two miles out. The "Elbow" which is approximately half way between the two, is usually the most effective area for diamond jigging. Again, keep away from the charterboats trolling wire.

A six foot boat rod with plenty of backbone is good for jigging. The best reels are shown in the bottom of photo A: from left to right, they are the Penn Jigmaster, Penn 112 H and Penn Squidder. Load either with 20 or 25 lb. test mono and you're in business. Various sizes of diamond jigs made by the Ava Tackle Co. are shown in the upper right of the photo. Bridgeport has also started manufacturing squidding jigs, which dispense with the treble hook and replace it with a single long shank hook attached to a barrel swivel. The single hook gives the tail of the jig a little flutter and you also won't loose as many fish from prying-out the hook as you do when using treble hooks. Tie the jig directly to your line, no leader or swivel. Also use it without any pork rind or squid.

At the upper left of photo A is shown some of the other lures that may be retrieved by "squidding." From top to bottom, they are a white 3 oz. Flashbuck, Tri-Fin Whiptail, yellow Flashbuck and Ava Green Bananna (which is usually only effective for bluefish.) the Flashbucks and Whiptail can be used the same manner as a diamond jig or jigged just off the bottom while drifting. Experiment!

Photo B shows an assortment of bucktails that are effective for inshore casting at Montauk. All should be tipped with Uncle Josh porkrind, and the weight of the bucktail used will be determined by the depth of water and strength of current in the area being fished. The trick is to retrieve the bucktail as slow as possible while keeping it moving just above the bottom. This technique is an art in itself, so I strongly suggest anyone interested in learning morea bout bucktailing to read Capt. John DeMaio's articles in L.I.F. issues number 1 and 12 of this year.

Baitcasting outfits are preferred for casting bucktails over spinning tackle because you have more line control and it is easier to set the hook. The two baitcasting reels I use are the Ambassadeur 6000 (standard red reel) and the Shakespeare Millionaire. To make a good baitcasting rod, use a Lamiglas Blank such as the MB-84, MB-96, or MB-108 with either a 3M or 2F taper. Cut the blank down at the butt to a size that is comfortable for you.

June Moon

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semstress proud in the way the hook is hidden between the strips of bait and secured with thread.

The equipment used at Cedar in June for this type of fishing is about what you would use fishing bottom anywhere in the open surf on Long Island's south shore. Eleven foot stick, Crack 300, 15 or 20 pound test line or a reasonable facsimile. Remember, the fish can be large and the surf rough necessitating that little bit extra when landing your prize in the dark. Add a 5 or 6 ounce sinker to a bite size chunk of bunker, you'll need backbone in that rod.

The quarry is striped bass, Isn't it always? I wouldn't refuse some teen blues if they happen to come along, which has been the case last two years. Therefore, it would be a good idea to bring along some wire. Either make up some hooks before hand or bring the components and rig up on the beach when they are needed.

Weakfish, fluke, sea robins, stingrays, and sharks (sand and the real thing) can fill out the bag. Before you grab a fish in the dark make sure you don't become the "grabee". Some of these sharks and rays can be quite large so an extra spool of line could save the night. One never knows what danger lurks in the murky water a few feet from where you are standing.

I almost forgot another catch you will undoubtedly be happy to hear about. Crabs. After disengaging these lovely creatures, check your leader for any nicks which will reduce the strength of your line. Large corks are a must for it seems every crab within a half mile will be attracted to the bunker and oily mackerel. Even with the cork you will be hard put keeping your bait intact.

Which reminds me, there is another bait stealer present when fishing near the Thumb. Only this time it is not to be found in the water. I am speaking of rats. You will have to keep one eye on your bait and one eye on your rod tip. If you fish two rods you'll have a problem.

It is always a smart idea to carry a working assortment of tins and plugs on any trip to the beach. For a change of pace or if your bait runs out, try working a variety of swimming plugs during the hours of darkness. Still on the beach at dawn? Keep those poppers and tins handy. Next to the month of October, June is my bet for the best fishing time of the year.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
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FRI	12:41	1:31	1:30	2:12	1:18	2:08	2:19	3:08	4:02	4:34	4:25	5:00	12:54	1:31	6/4
SAT	1:36	2:27	2:26	3:13	2:11	3:01	3:20	4:06	4:58	5:34	5:22	5:57	1:50	2:29	6/5
SUN	2:37	3:27	3:28	4:15	3:09	3:59	4:27	5:05	6:01	6:37	6:25	6:55	2:51	3:28	6/6
MON	3:42	4:29	4:30	5:13	4:17	5:01	5:29	6:01	7:09	7:44	7:26	7:54	3:53	4:25	6/7
TUE	4:51	5:31	5:34	6:11	5:25	6:03	6:30	6:56	8:25	8:54	8:28	8:52	4:53	5:23	6/8
WED	5:54	6:28	6:35	7:07	6:31	7:00	7:30	7:51	9:34	9:58	9:26	9:47	5:50	6:16	6/9
THUR	6:52	7:21	7:31	8:00	7:28	7:53	8:24	8:42	10:43	10:56	10:22	10:40	6:43	7:09	6/10

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet......—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

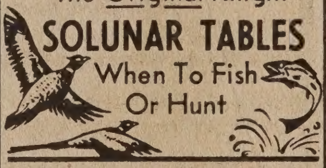
SUNRISE/SUN

6/4	5:25	8:32
6/9	5:24	8:35
6/14	5:23	8:37
6/19	5:24	8:39
6/24	5:25	8:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/27	6/5	6/12	6/19

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt



The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	**Major**	Minor	**Major**
THURS.	9:45	**4:00**	10:10	**4:25**
FRI.	10:40	**4:55**	11:05	**5:20**
SAT.	11:35	**5:45**	11:55	**6:10**
SUN.	—	**6:35**	12:25	**7:00**
MON.	12:50	**7:20**	1:15	**7:50**
TUES.	1:30	**8:10**	2:05	**8:40**
WED.	2:20	**9:05**	2:55	**9:30**
THURS.	3:15	**10:00**	3:45	**10:30**

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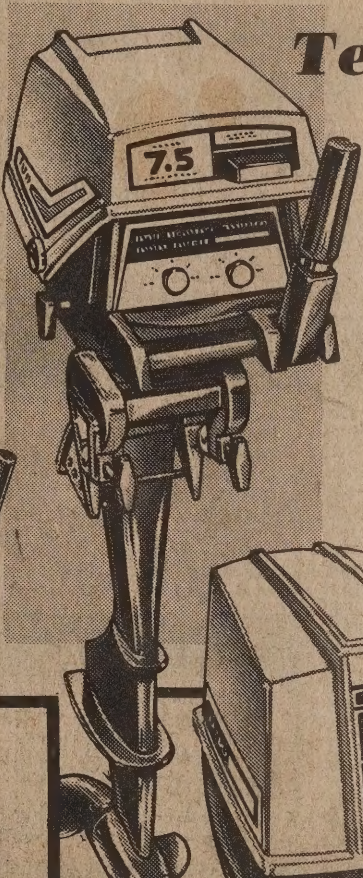

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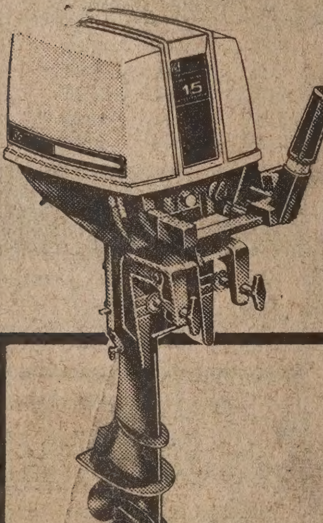

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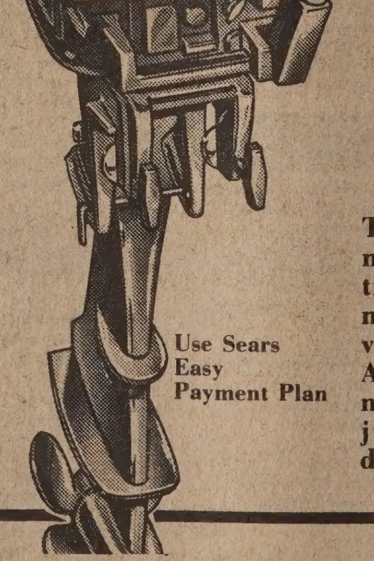

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